



### Pastoral Care Seminar Held At Hospital

The annual Pastoral Care of the Ill Seminar was held at Mississippi Baptist Hospital Feb. 12, sponsored by the hospital and the Christian Action Commission, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, director. Several present at seminar were, from left, (standing): Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain, who presided; Dr. C. B. Hamlett III, chaplain, Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg; Rev. George Meadows, pastor First Church, Hazlehurst, and Paul Proff, hospital administrator. (Seated): Dr. Thomas E. Elkin, Jackson, speaker, and Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor First Church, Cleveland, speaker.

#### SUGGESTED PROGRAM

## Southern Baptist Convention

Dallas Convention Center June 11-13

THEME: SHARE HIS LOVE NOW

Tuesday Morning, June 11

9:15 Music for Inspiration—Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, Larry Black, Minister of Music

9:30 Call to Order

Congregational Singing—Directed by William J. Reynolds

Special Music—The Perry Ellis Family, Brazil  
Theme Interpretation: Carl Bates, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, "Share His Love Now by Teaching the Bible"

9:50 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; retired executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tennessee

Committee on Order of Business—W. O. Vaught, Jr., chairman; pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

9:55 Welcome—James H. Landes, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas

10:05 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions and Tellers

10:10 Special Music—Frances Cooper Miles, Pensacola, Florida

10:15 Presidential Address—Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Mississippi

10:50 Executive Committee Report (first section)

11:40 Miscellaneous Business

11:55 Introduction of Resolutions

12:15 Benediction—Clark Hutchinson, Marietta, Ga.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 11

2:15 Music for Inspiration—The Oratorio Chorus, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Robert Burton, Director

2:30 Congregational Singing—Directed by Sam Prestidge, Dallas, Texas

Special Music—Anne Criswell Jackson, Dallas, Texas

Theme Interpretation: W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas,

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## Houston Baptist Pastors Rap 'The Exorcist' On Many Counts

HOUSTON, Texas (RNS) — The movie, "The Exorcist," has become a popular topic for sermons here.

And pastors of the two largest Southern Baptist churches in Houston preached about the film.

The clergymen — the Rev. John R. Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist church, (7,200 members) and the Rev. Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist church (6,000 members) — took approaches that had both similarities and differences.

Both said they had seen the movie a week earlier. Both said they did not like it. Both said it should not carry its "R" rating (barring those under 18 when not accompanied by parent or guardian).

Mr. Bisagno said the movie should be rated with a dozen "X's."

Mr. Chafin said it should be rated "X" (nobody under 18 admitted).

Both men said the movie has theological flaws. Mr. Bisagno cited a dozen places where he took issue theologically with the production.

Both said the movie is having a widespread impact on the community and country. But when it came to specific theology, the two pastors, frequently considered here as possible rivals in the upcoming June election of a new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, seemed to take different approaches.

Mr. Bisagno left no doubt he believes that there is a Satan, that demons exist and that sometimes they must be exorcised. Mr. Chafin, however, said: "We know very little about the origin of Satan. The truth is that when you begin to dig around in the Bible you discover that most of the things you know about the devil you learned from the poet John Milton (in Paradise Lost) and not from careful exegesis of the Word of God."

"The ultimate issue of evil must be dealt with in the New Testament in a larger context than demon possession," Mr. Chafin said.

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## Brotherhood To Offer Emphasis On Home Missions

MEMPHIS—The Brotherhood Commission will offer a six-day emphasis on home missions March 4-9 for Baptists from three states as part of a nation-wide effort to raise \$7,200,000 for Baptist mission work in the United States.

About 1,000 persons from West Tennessee will be at the mission camp at 1540 Poplar.

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## Americans United Revealed Success, Had Financial Loss

ORLANDO, Fla. (RNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State is suffering from "success," according to one source here.

During the past two years, the 26-year-old organization has won 19 out of 20 court cases that it has entered in opposition to state aid to non-public schools. But at its 26th National Conference on Separation of Church and State here, it reported an operating loss of nearly \$200,000 in the past year.

Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, the Methodist minister who is assistant director of Americans United, said that many of the organization's 130,000 members have grown complacent and have not seen the need to raise the \$1-950 a day (\$711,750 a year) it takes to operate Americans United.

Besides its headquarters staff of 32 at Silver Springs, Md., the organization has regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles. All three regional offices are in danger of closing to keep operations within income, Dr. Lowell warned.

Another challenge that Americans United faces in choosing a successor to Dr. Glenn L. Archer when he retires in September at the age 69 as the first and only executive director of the organization has ever had.

Miami Beach attorney Burnett Roth, who serves as general counsel for the Florida Committee on Public Education and Religious Liberty, pointed to new threats to the cause of religious liberty that he sees looming in the near future.

If U. S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas or other liberal justices die or retire, he said, President Nixon could then appoint another conservative justice who might

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## Annuity Board Sets Records For Retirement Benefits Paid

DALLAS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board learned at their annual meeting here the agency set two records in 1973 for retirement and protection benefits paid out.

The one-year disbursement of \$15,837,988 was the highest of any 12-

month period. It topped the \$11.2 million in 1972, the previous high, board President Darold H. Morgan reported.

The board also passed the \$100 million mark in total retirement and protection benefits paid out in the agency's 56-year history. The all-time total stands at \$109,991,426.

Benefits were disbursed to over 7,000 annuitants.

The largest number of new annuitants ever entered on the roll in one year were added in 1973. Plan A, the basic church plan for ministers, saw an increase of 767, Morgan said. Plan B, a basic plan for agencies and institutions and supplemental plan for those eligible for plan A, gained 531 new annuitants. Plan C, variable plan, supplemental to the others, reported a gain of 74.

Some overlap in numbers exists since many annuitants participate in more than one plan, Morgan said.

Insurance benefits paid out for health, life and disability coverage during 1973 approximated \$10 million, the board president said.

The Annuity Board handles retirement and insurance plans for churches and agencies in the Southern Baptist Convention. About 38,000 pastors, other church staff personnel and denominational agency employees participate in the plan.

Funds held in trust for these participants reached a record \$350,262,186, according to Morgan. This compares with the 1972 figure, then, a record of nearly \$336 and a half million.

These funds are held in trust to disperse as benefits when participants retire from their places of service.

The Annuity Board invests these stocks, bonds and real estate to in-

crease retirement benefits.

Investment income for 1973 amounted to \$10,001,735, down from the record \$22,295,543 reported in 1972. "The decrease was the direct result of poor performance in the general stock market during 1973," Frank L. Durham of Dallas, the board's senior vice president and director of investments, declared.

Durham expressed concern over the decrease but said he was "not alarmed by it." He said he feels optimistic for the months ahead.

"We anticipate great rates of return on equity (stock). Stock investments will be on the plus side in 1974," he added. "We believe the U. S. economy is strong and will do a turnaround."

Mortgage loans and real estate leasebacks were "good, profit-making investments," in 1973, Durham indicated. They produced an average return of more than nine per cent.

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## Queens' Court Set Garaywa March 8-10

By Barbara Taylor

Highlighting a weekend designed especially for Acteens who have attained the rank of Queen or above will be Thomas

Starkes of the Home Mission Board and Miss W. Woerner, missionary in Louisiana.

Mr. Starkes, who is Director of the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Home Mission Board, will be sharing methods of witnessing to other Americans as well as ways of sharing Christ with people of other religious persuasions.

Rev. Woerner serves as a missionary to the French-speaking people in Louisiana and will tell of his work as ministers to those of another language group in our country.

The theme for the weekend retreat is "All Of My Tomorrows." Each session of the program will reflect the theme as participants seek to help the Acteens realize how God can use them each day as they live a Christian life.

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Dr. Earl Kelly is seen speaking at Banquet in First Church, Grenada

## "Meet Dr. Kelly" Dinner Held At First, Grenada

A "Meet Dr. Earl Kelly" dinner was held at the First Baptist Church in Grenada on Friday evening, Feb. 1, sponsored by the deacons of the church. Deacons and pastors from the Baptist churches in the following associations were invited: Grenada, Yalobusha, Panola and Leflore. Approximately 180 people attended. Dr. Kelly was the final principal speaker, with Dr. David Grant, Jackson, president of the State Convention, speaking earlier. Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of the host church, said that the deacons did "everything." They cooked,

served, set up the room and "parked" the people as they came. A group of greeters was on hand and everyone who attended was registered by two ladies of the church, and their names sent to Dr. Kelly for his records. Welcome was extended by John Keeton, chairman of the deacons. Special music was rendered by Vernon Polk, minister of music. The service was closed by a dialogue session led by Dr. Kelly and Dr. Grant. (For additional pictures please turn the page.)

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The Annuity Board invests about \$325 million at present — 44% of it in common stock. The balance is invested in real estate and bonds.

The money invested by the Annuity Board has been collected in retire-

ment dues for 38,000 church-related vocational workers in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Grady said the yield on common stock in 1974 may reach 10%. The rate of inflation will be between five and eight percent, he added.

The energy crisis, according to Grady, made Americans aware on three counts: (1) they are depending more and more on overseas oil, (2)

they waste 20-30 percent of the energy they consume, (3) they can become self-sufficient in energy.

The fuel crisis, he said, will cause greatest suffering in the poor nations of the world. "They will find themselves in financial straits as oil prices increase."

A world depression resulting from the fuel crisis would hurt both Arab oil-producing nations and the Israelis, Grady contended.

In his survey of the aging, Pinson said only five per cent of the post-65 generation, now numbering 21 million, live in institutions, "yet most of our thought centers on institutions."

"Recently the Annuity Board has vastly improved its ministry to persons' pre-retirement years," Pinson declared. He said there is still more to be done.

Pinson recommended distributing pre-retirement materials to individuals, starting at age 25, and following through at regular intervals thereafter. He suggested emphases on retirement planning to take place at retirement seminars.

to its annuitants. The board could help secure places of service for more retired ministers, particularly in mis-

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## Rust Named Acting President At N. O.

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named acting president, effective March 1, by the executive committee of the seminary's trustees.

The action came after the committee accepted the resignation of Grady Cothen as seminary president. Cothen has been named president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and will join the board in May. He will succeed James L. Sullivan, when Sullivan retires as president of the board in February, 1975.

Rust is a former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and was

## Family Life Meet Feb. 25-26

Final arrangements have been made for the two-day Mississippi Family Life Conference at First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Feb. 25-26, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, who will direct the conference.

The sessions are co-sponsored by Lee County Baptist Association and First Baptist Church.

An added feature of interest is that the featured leaders will speak in 27 Lee County churches on Sunday, February 24, as scheduled by Rev. Harold Anderson, Supt. of Missions.

Around the theme "The Caring Church and the Ministry of Vital Interest to the Family," the sessions will focus on the family.

The sessions will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. The evening sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Relatively designed with the whole family in mind, including

After retirement, the Annuity Board should provide additional information

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Texas — "Share His Love Now by Remaining Faithful to the Church"

3:30 Election of Officers  
3:35 Introduction of Resolutions  
3:40 Executive Committee Report (final section)  
3:45 Election of Officers  
Ambassador Service National Award  
Miscellaneous Business  
4:30 Benediction — Dan A. McKeever, Houston, Texas

Tuesday Evening, June 11  
6:45 Music for Inspiration—The Centurymen, Beryl Red, Director  
7:00 Congregational Singing—Directed by Beryl Red, New York City  
Scripture: Heschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Prayer: Ramsey Pollard, Memphis, Tennessee  
7:15 "Reaching the Saints in Prison"—Radio and Television Commission  
7:45 "Thy Will Be Done on Earth"—Christian Life Commission  
8:00 Special Music — The Centurymen  
Special Prayer Time — "One on One"  
8:15 "Moved with Compassion"—Home Mission Board  
9:15 Benediction—Robert Lee Estes, Triangle, Virginia

Wednesday Morning, June 12  
9:15 Music for Inspiration—Southwestern Men's Chorus, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, James C. McKinney, Director  
9:30 Congregational Singing—Directed by Richard Baker, Denton, Texas  
Special Music — Joe Carrell, Austin, Texas  
Theme Interpretation: H. Franklin Paschall, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, "Share His Love Now by Serving People"

9:50 Election of Officers  
10:10 Committee on Resolutions (first report)  
10:30 Committee on Committees Report  
Committee on Boards Report

10:35 "Open Doors to the World"—Baptist World Alliance  
10:40 Congregational Singing  
10:55 Convention Sermon—R. J. Robinson, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. Alternate: James L. Pleitz, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida  
11:30 Election of Officers  
11:40 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of constitutional changes and other matters)  
12:15 Election of Officers  
12:30 Benediction — Howard Cobble, Carrollton, Georgia

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday Evening, June 12  
6:45 Music for Inspiration—Youth and Adult Choirs, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Gary Moore, Minister of Music  
7:00 Congregational Singing—Directed by William J. Reynolds  
Special Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Missouri  
Scripture: Brooks Hays, Washington, D. C.  
Prayer: J. D. Grey, New Orleans, Louisiana  
7:15 "The Voice of Thanksgiving"—Baptist Sunday School Board  
8:00 Special Music—June Hunt, Dallas, Texas  
8:05 Youth and Adult Choirs, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas  
8:15 "A Prayer for Sight"—Foreign Mission Board  
9:15 Benediction—Robert J. Utley, Fort Worth, Texas

Thursday Morning, June 13  
9:15 Music for Inspiration—United Baptist Choir, Nassau, Bahamas  
9:30 Congregational Singing—Directed by Donald Brown, Liberty, Missouri  
Special Music — Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, Texas  
Theme Interpretation: Wayne Dehoney, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, "Share His Love Now by Faithful Giving"

9:50 Committee on Resolutions Report (final)  
10:20 Denominational Calendar Report  
10:25 "Sharing His Love for the Pastor"—Comm. on the American Baptist Theological Seminary  
10:30 "Sharing His Love for Eternal Truth"—Education Commission  
10:40 Special Music — United Baptist Choir, Nassau, Bahamas  
10:55 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers  
11:00 Southern Baptist Convention Seminars Report  
11:30 Miscellaneous Business  
12:15 Benediction—Robert F. Bradley, Hampton, Virginia

Thursday Afternoon, June 13  
2:15 Music for Inspiration — Evangelistic Singers  
2:30 Congregational Singing — Directed by James C. McKinney, Fort Worth, Texas  
Special Music—Martha Branham, Dallas, Texas  
Theme Interpretation: K. Owen White, Phoenix, Arizona  
"Share His Love Now by Personal Witness"

2:50 "The Southern Baptist Convention and Her People"—Historical Commission  
3:00 "Dedicated Financial Resources"—Southern Baptist Foundation  
3:10 "Our Baptist Witness in Public Affairs"—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs  
3:25 "The State of Retirement"—Annuity Board  
3:55 Special Music — Evangelistic Singers Chorus  
4:00 Glenn Archer, retiring executive director, Americans United, Washington, D.C.  
4:30 Benediction — James Waters, Macon, Georgia

Thursday Evening, June 13  
6:45 Music for Inspiration—United Baptist Choir, Nassau, Bahamas  
7:00 Congregational Singing—Directed by Cliff Barrows, Greenville, South Carolina  
Scripture: R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee  
Prayer: Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia  
7:10 Presentation of Officers  
7:15 "The Whole Church for the Whole World"—Women's Missionary Union  
7:35 "What's in a Name?" — Brotherhood Commission  
7:55 "A People on Mission for God" — Stewardship Commission  
8:10 Special Music — United Baptist Choir, Nassau, Bahamas  
8:25 Congregational Singing  
8:30 Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina  
9:30 Benediction—Ed Brooks Bowles, Beaumont, Texas

Convention Officers  
Owen Cooper, president, layman, Yazoo City, Miss.  
James G. Harris, first vice president, pastor, Fort Worth  
Clifford Brannon, second vice president, evangelist, Longview, Tex.  
Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, Winston-Salem, N.C.  
W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, Brentwood, Tenn.  
Porter W. Routh, treasurer, Nashville  
W. C. Fields, press representative, Nashville  
William J. Reynolds, music director, Nashville

## Houston Pastors Rap 'The Exorcist'

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That larger context, he said, is the understanding that God created the world and has ultimate power over it. During his sermon, Mr. Chafin recited varying positions on demon possession — that Jesus believed in demons because He was a child of His time, that demons were a primitive way of describing mental illness that demons are really bad habits, that Jesus knew demons did not exist but spoke about them because that was the way people in His day understood life, and that demons existed in Jesus' day and still exist today.

Then, he said, "But while there is no general agreement or understanding on the nature of demons, there is absolute agreement in all of the Scripture that evil is a personal force in the world in conflict with God, that it is evilistic in the sense in which it tries to lure people into its grips, that it is destructive."

Mr. Bisagno, on the other hand, said "The Exorcist" correctly gives the impression that there is a real devil, that there are actual demons and that Christians "have the authority to be free from that power."

"The devil is real," said Mr. Bisagno. "If you believe in the Bible you must believe in the devil. If you disbelieve in him you are a perfect example of the subtlety and deceptiveness which are his art."

He described Satan as a real person who "walks, talks, tempts, lies, flatters, kills, works miracles, produces false tongues, false miracles, false spiritual experiences and has a false church, a false gospel, a false plan of salvation, a false trinity, false preachers and false prophets."

"Suffering, sin, sorrow, sickness, malady and death are all the direct and indirect results of his tampering with God's perfect plan and originating the plan of evil in the heart of man," he said.

Mr. Bisagno described demons as possible "fallen angels" working for Satan.

But when he referred to exorcism, the Baptist pastor said, "I must sternly warn you of the possible consequences of a rash of fear pushing people into the hands of those who claim to be something God must slowly and definitely lead."

Some cases of mental illness are actually demon possession, he said, but some cases of alleged demon possession constitute mental illness.

Mr. Bisagno also said that only those not "saved" can be possessed, and that "saved" persons cannot be possessed. He rejected the position that baptism is a form of protection against demonic possession. He took the traditional Baptist stand that baptism is a symbolic act, not a rite.

Besides the fact that Mr. Bisagno and Mr. Chafin preached on the same subject Sunday, there were other similarities. Both sermons were widely publicized. Both churches

purchased special newspaper ads to announce the topics. Both sermons were aired on local television stations.

### Exorcist Is "A Travesty," Catholic Tells Baptists

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — The controversial book and motion picture, *The Exorcist*, is "a travesty" on the original story, a Roman Catholic clergyman who had intimate knowledge of the original case, told an opening session of the Southern Baptist Press Association annual meeting here.

Archbishop Phillip Hannan of New Orleans, who held a post in the Chancery Office in Washington in the late

### Rev. G. B. Basden Loses Wife

Funeral services for Mrs. G. B. Basden of Coffeetown were held at the Coffeetown Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Feb. 15.

Mrs. Basden, the wife of Rev. G. B. Basden, of Coffeetown, died at the hospital in Grenada on Feb. 13 following a short illness.

Dr. Perry C. Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenwood, conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Basden had lived in Coffeetown for several years, where he was pastor of the Coffeetown Baptist Church, and from which he retired about two years ago.

Mr. Basden has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and also has been vice-president of the State Convention, as well as serving in other capacities.

### Jordan Church

#### Dedicated In Snow Storm

ZERKA, Jordan — Zerka Baptist Church was officially organized as a church and dedicated a new building in double ceremonies here recently in spite of the most severe snow storm experienced here in several years.

According to Mrs. L. August Lovgren, missionary press representative, nearly 400 guests attended the ceremonies even though out-of-town guests could not attend because of the snow storm. J. D. Hughey, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Europe and the Middle East, and his wife were among those unable to attend. They were stranded in Amman.

### More Resistance

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He favored forming organizations of retired church-related vocational workers in each state, as well as a national group, Pinson added.

The clubs, travel programs and a counseling referral service for retired ministers and denominational workers were among his other suggestions.

If the expense of such programs is "greater than the Annuity Board is able to bear, perhaps they could be secured from the Cooperative Program for this purpose," Pinson said.

The Baptist task force on aging which he proposed, might spur more wide-spread and rapid development of ministries to the aged, he said.

1940s when the original case began there, said, "The original story of the young boy involved was a beautiful restoration of the Easter story — the triumph of good over evil."

The book and motion picture are "a travesty on the original story. They pander to all the worst instincts. The devil is given center place for so long you think he owns center stage," Hannan said.

"The original priest was not killed," Archbishop Hannan commented in welcoming remarks to the association, comprised of Southern Baptist editors and Baptist Press personnel. "He did not suffer" but experienced "complete peace and rest at the end of the event" in contrast to William Blatty's popularized version of *The Exorcist*.

The original subject of the exorcism, a boy rather than a girl as portrayed in Blatty's book, is now 34 years old and married with children, and lives somewhere in a Virginia suburb of Washington, D. C., Hannan said.

Hannan, who said he has seen the full confidential report on the original exorcism, said psychiatrists had exhausted all efforts to help the boy and that hospital treatment had also failed when contact was first made with the Washington Chancery.

Contrary to Faustian tales, Hannan declared, the boy had not "sold his soul" to the devil, "but he strove against the devil" and was successful.

"The story is a great success story — a story of hope," Hannan said.

### Series Leadership Meeting Set For National Baptists

National Baptist Leadership Conferences will be held March 4-15, jointly promoted by National Baptist Women's Societies, Mississippi Baptist Women's Union and the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The meeting will include conferences for women, pastors and laymen.

Conference leader Mrs. Thompson and speaker will be Mrs. Fannie Thompson of Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Thompson is president of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of America.

She will present the work of the women of the churches of the Convention and speak on the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America.

Dr. S. L. Richmond, Director of Sophia Sutton Assembly, Prentiss, will direct the men's conference period and will present the scheduled activities of the Assembly for this year. Each meeting will be held from 7:30-9:00 p.m., except the meeting in Jackson which will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The schedule follows:

Mar. 4 — Southeast Center, Hattiesburg; 5 — Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Columbia; 6 — Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Piquette; 7 — Mercy Seat Baptist Church, Gulfport; 8 — Antioch Baptist Church, 2016 Helen St., Pascagoula; 9 — Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson; 10 — New Bethel M. B. Church, 101 James Drive, Canton; 11 — St. James Baptist Church, E. Minn., Brookhaven; 12 — Pearl River Valley Church, Hwy. 84, Monticello; 13 — New Zion Church, Magnolia.



## State Family Life Conference

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corner on family strengths or weaknesses, all who can should avail themselves of the opportunity to meet with family life specialists that will be in attendance at this conference.

### Slater A. Murphy, Retired Minister, Dies In Memphis

Dr. Slater A. Murphy, 75, for nearly thirty years pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, died on Monday, February 11, after an illness of several months.

Murphy, who was widely known in Mississippi, was a native of South Alabama, just across the line from the Waynesboro, Mississippi area. He was working at a sawmill in Richton, Miss., when he was converted and called to preach.

He attended Clarke College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He pastored a number of Mississippi churches during those college and seminary years.

While in the seminary he accepted the pastorate of the Valance Street Church, New Orleans, where he remained for a number of years, before going to the Memphis church where he spent the rest of his ministry. Under his leadership Highland Heights became one of the strong churches of Memphis.

He retired from this pastorate several years ago, but continued to live in Memphis. He suffered a stroke last summer, and had been ill since then.

### Minister Of Music Dies In Accident

Michael T. Cothran, 22, died Friday Feb. 15, in a one-car mishap on Interstate 55. His car hit a bridge abutment near Gluckstadt.

He was the son of Fannie Mae Cothran, president of the Mississippi Broadcasters Association. Authorities reported Cothran was returning home from Mississippi College when he was killed.

He has been minister of music of First Baptist Church of Lexington and Greenwood, and was presently serving at Hanging Moss Baptist Church in Jackson.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. from First Church, Lexington.

Survivors include: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cothran, Lexington; two sisters, Mrs. Annette Henley, Greenwood, Mrs. Babbs Dickard, Lexington; two brothers, Cap. Thomas A. Cothran, Torreon, Spain, Brad Cothran, Lexington.

He leaves his wife, six children, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services were in the church where he had served so long, and burial was in Memphis.

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tion life.

Foreign missions will be emphasized as well as home missions. Rev. and Mrs. James Gilbert who serve as missionaries in Ecuador will be telling about the work in their country as will be Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartfield, who serve in Mexico.

An interesting event scheduled for the weekend will be a "Market Place Encounter" on Saturday afternoon. During this informal affair, each girl will have opportunity to visit with all program participants and will be able to see curios of various countries represented by the missionaries present for the weekend.

Directing the music will be Buddy Stallings of Clinton, His wife, the former Geri Lea Sullivan, served as a Journeyman of the Foreign Mission Board to the country of India and will be sharing her mission experiences during the retreat.

One very exciting happenings at Queens' Court each year is the Recognition banquet. At this time girls are commended for their achievements in Studdart, the Actens Individual Achievement Plan.

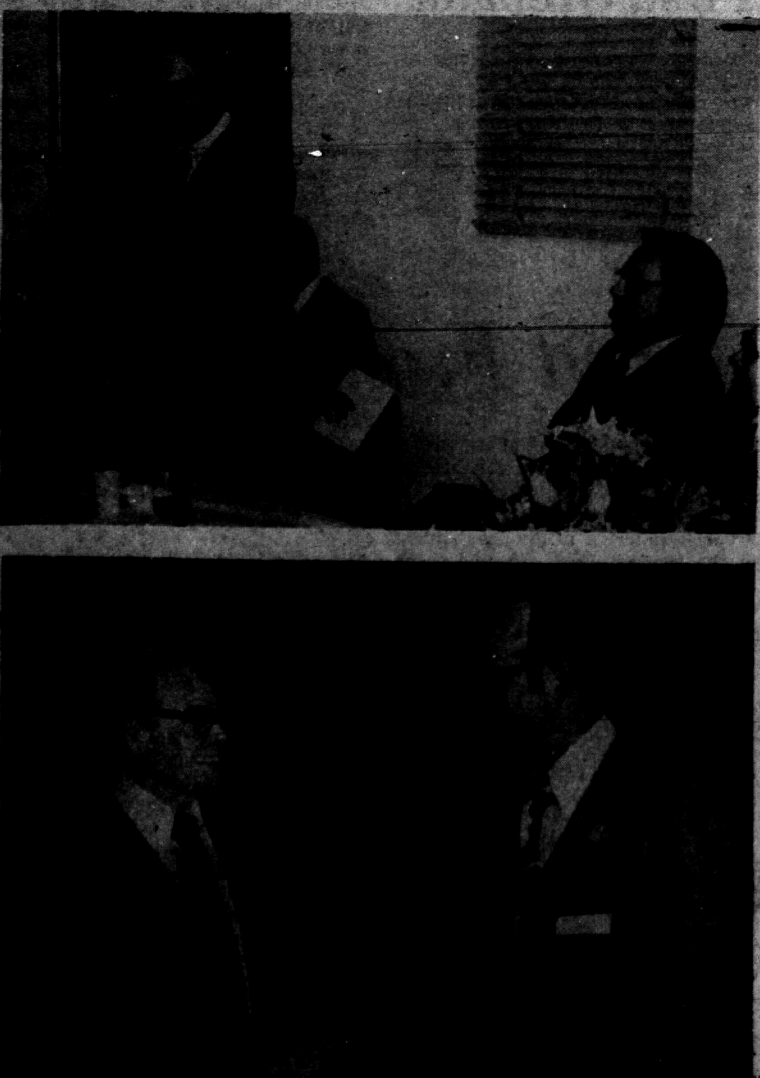
The weekend is a special one — and those who attend will receive a special treat. Registration will begin at 3:00 on Friday afternoon, March 8. The program will begin with supper at 6:30 that evening and will close after lunch on Sunday, March 10. Entire cost for the weekend will be \$10.50 which includes registration fee, meals, room and insurance.

If you would like to attend Queens' Court at Camp Garaywa, send your name and rank in Studdart along with \$3.00 registration fee to Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.



Mrs. Gilbert

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### Dr. Kelly Dinner Held In Grenada

Dr. David Grant, Jackson, Convention president, presided at "Meet Dr. Kelly" dinner at First Church, Grenada, with Dr. Lee Taylor, pastor, seated at right. Lower picture is that of Dr. Grant being greeted by John Keeton, chairman of deacons of host church.



# Annuity Bd. Sets Record, Retirement Benefits Paid

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Durham compared the 17.8 per cent decline in equity, or stock, investments with several nationally recognized market averages.

The average stock in Value Line, made up of 1500 different stocks, was down by 32 per cent. Dow-Jones was down almost 13 per cent, and Standard and Poor's 500 stocks were down almost 15 per cent, he noted.

Premiums and dues income for 1973 amounted to \$30,516,377, about \$680,000 below the 1972 figure. The difference occurred because certain temporary reserves used in 1972 were not utilized in 1973.

Persons receiving relief payments increased for the first time in a number of years, Morgan reported. 405 relief recipients at the end of 1973 compared with 398 at the close of 1972.

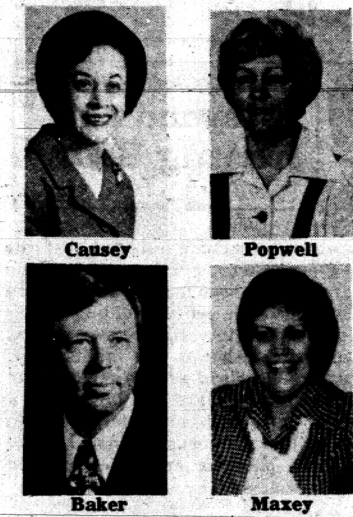
National Cooperative Program funds from the SBC are used for relief payments, and these payments amounted to \$189,742 in 1973, about \$18,000 more than the previous year.

The 405 relief recipients included 120 ministers and 285 widows. Most of these completed their active service before retirement plans achieved wide acceptance in the denomination, it was reported.

"Seminaries are filled with thousands of men and women preparing for the multi-faceted ministries of SBC churches and agencies, Morgan continued. He said the board is intensifying its efforts to enroll new seminary graduates in the board's retirement and insurance plans.

Bruce McIver, pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, was re-elected chairman of the board.

# "Fill Me, Jesus" To Be Theme Of Religious Emphasis At Hospital



Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi Baptist Hospital is set for February 24-27, with "Fill Me, Jesus" as the theme, according to Miss Kathy Bearden, director of Baptist Student Union activities at the hospital.

Dr. Bill Baker, of First Church, Clinton, will be guest pastor for the observance, and the emphasis on his conferences with participants will be on meeting the individual's spiritual needs in everyday living, according to Miss Bearden.

Witnessing to the success of Chris-

# Handbell Festival To Be March 1-2

The 1974 Handbell Festival will be held on March 1-2 at First Church, Louisville. Guest clinicians will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones. Mr. Jones is minister of music for Fifth Avenue Church, St. Petersburg, Fla. The touring bell choirs from St. Petersburg under the direction of Mr. Jones are known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for their outstanding performances and excellent repertoire.

The Handbell Festival will begin Friday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. with an evening meal at Lake Tlak O'Khata. The program will begin at 7:30 at First Church, Louisville. The Festival will conclude with the noon meal on Saturday, March 2. Bob Jones, minister of music, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, is coordinator for the festival.

# Americans United

# Revealed Success, Had Financial Loss

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tip the scales of the Court, which has favored individual liberties in recent years.

Another threat, Mr. Roth asserted, lies in a new "tactic" of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. He warned that the hierarchy is trying to broaden the base of its support for aid to parochial schools by joining other groups on other issues, such as an amendment to the Constitution that would permit prayer in public schools.

Dr. Walter Wright, general counsel for Americans United, reported that there are four key legal tools that have been successfully used by the organization in winning church-state cases. They are all from the U. S. Constitution — the provision of Article VI that there shall be no religious test for office, the First Amendment clause preventing Congress from creating a religious establishment, the First Amendment clause insuring the free exercise of religion, and the implied doctrine of separation of church and state.

Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Tex., was re-elected president of Ameri-

cans United for Separation of Church and State at its 26th annual conference here.

**Brotherhood** — (Continued from page 1)

The 60-minute program, featuring testimonies of two Southern Baptist home missionaries, a multi-media presentation, and a period of prayer for missions, will be offered each morning at 10:00 for the church Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union groups.

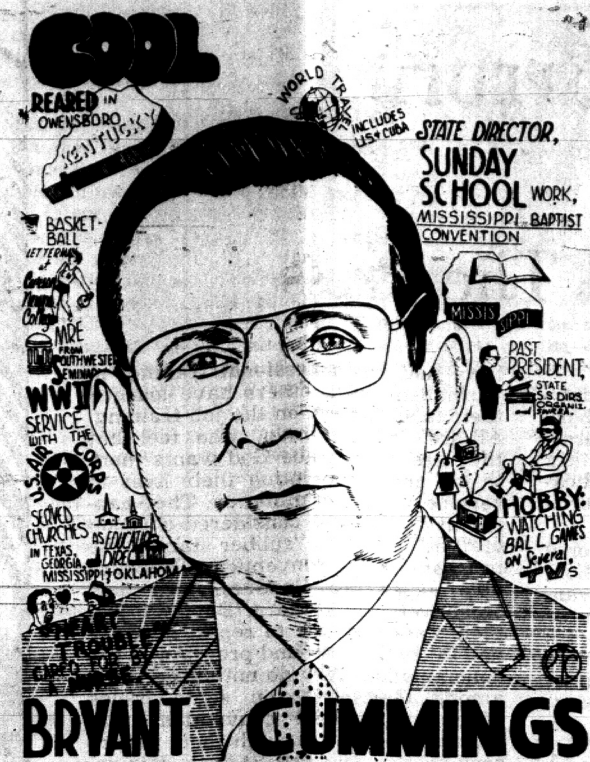
Nightly sessions are planned for March 4-6 at 7:30, except for the March 6 program at 6:15.

The visiting missionaries will be Daniel R. Sanchez of Atlanta, a consultant in church growth for the Home Mission Board's Department of Language Missions, and Jerry Gilbert St. John of Jackson, Miss., a missionary to the deaf.

Tours of the Baptist agency will follow the home mission program.

Southern Baptists contributed almost \$7,000,000 through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in 1973.

# PEOPLE WHO HAVE IMPRESSED ME — Phil Card



Bryant Cummings, state director, Sunday School Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention, born and reared in Owensboro, Ky.; graduate Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary; served in U.S. Air Corps during WW II; married Margaret Ann Cuthrell, a RN from Baylor Nursing School, Dallas; two children, Ann, 17 and Craig, 21; hobby is viewing several ball games on several TV sets.

# Scriptures Printed In 26 New Languages, Dialects In 1973

New York — Twenty-six languages and dialects in which the Scriptures were published for the first time in 1973 have brought the Scripture language count to 1,526.

Statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies show that since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century to Dec. 31, 1973, at least one complete book of the Bible has been printed, by various organizations, in 1,526 languages or dialects. The new total is an increase of 26 over the previous year.

Complete books of the Bible were

published in 25 new languages or dialects in 1973. They ranged from Achual, spoken in Peru, to Yakurr, spoken in Nigeria. Publishers included Bible Societies and six other organizations.

Kewa: West, a dialect which is spoken in Australia, was the 28th new language. It made its debut in the language count as a complete New Testament.

The United Bible Societies is a worldwide fellowship of 56 national Bible Societies, one of which is the American Bible Society.

# Northminster To Dedicate New Sanctuary

Dedication ceremonies for the new Northminster Church Building in Jackson will be held Sunday, Feb. 24, and will include a special morning service led by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention and an afternoon open house.

The recently completed Northminster building, located at 3955 Ridgewood Road, will be formally dedicated at 10:30 a.m. Speaking at the ceremony will be Owen Cooper of Yazoo City.

Friends of the church are invited to tour the building at an open house from three until five p.m. Designed by Jackson architect Tom Biggs in close cooperation with the Northminster congregation, the structure reflects the feeling of the church members that a church is a house for God's people.

Since its inception, the church has been a family in search of a home. Worship services were conducted at the Hinds County Baptist Association headquarters, the old Temple Beth Israel, and the Mississippi School for the Blind before the completion of the new building.

The new facility utilizes natural materials to blend with a handsome

wooded site. The exterior, with its white-painted brick, cedar shake roof and exposed wood, is dramatized by tall slim windows.

The feeling of light and air becomes even more apparent within the building where windows line the entry. In the sanctuary, light from east and west is concentrated on the pulpit area by high windows.

Throughout the building indigenous materials are used, with the warm textures and colors of wood and brick predominating. The striking white-painted brick of the exterior is continued inside with dramatic effect. The interior is made spatially exciting by sudden changes from the two-story heights of entrances to the low ceiling of the vestibule to the loftiness of the sanctuary.

Northminster Church was organized in 1967, obtaining mission status from the Hinds County Baptist Association. The first worship service was held May 7, 1967, with Dr. Harvey Thomas Whaley serving as interim pastor.

Dr. Whaley led workshop sessions for two days prior to the first worship service. From these meetings came many of the ideas and points of interest still near the hearts of the Northminster family. Feeling that

worship is the first duty and privilege of the church, the worship committees through the years have carefully worked to make the worship service meaningful.

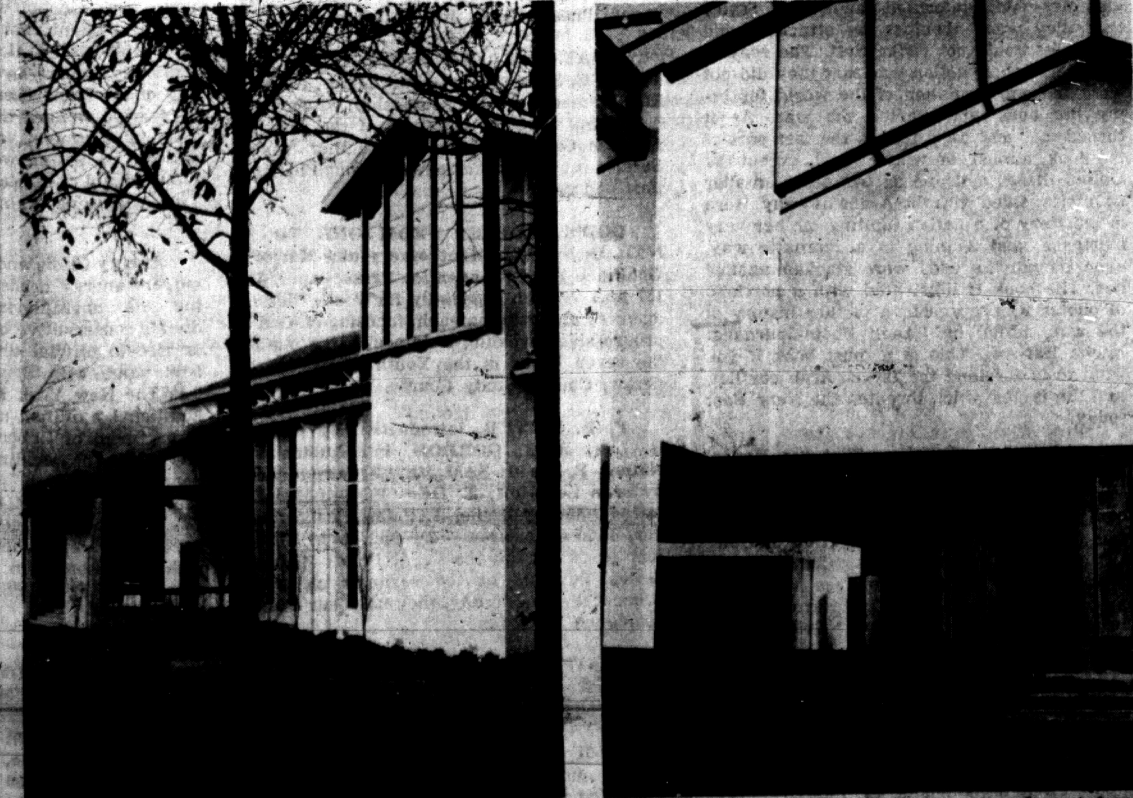
The time for worship, the order of service, the things included in the service were arrived at very deliberately in an effort to reclaim participation of the worshiper, to offer opportunity for active involvement, and to decrease the sense of spectatorship.

On September 24, 1967, Dr. L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Fairfield First Church, Fairfield, Alabama, was extended a call to become pastor.

Northminster was constituted with 133 charter members on Sunday, December 17, 1967.

Under the leadership of Dr. Wilson, the members of Northminster have sought to provide ministries in four specific areas — worship, education, service, and cooperation with other religious bodies. The congregation hope that the new structure will help them to make the ministry of the church more effective.

Members of the church staff are Mrs. Henry H. Webb, church clerk; Norman Rodgers, education consultant; Kapen Giffey, choir mistress; and James Furlow, organist.



The exterior, left, of the new Northminster Church building in Jackson, combines tall slim windows with varying roof heights. Inside, right, the high windows of the sanctuary reflect light from east and west from the white-painted brick walls.

# FMB Appropriates Funds To Assist Famine Victims

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submitted, indicates that Southern Baptist foreign mission work stands at an all-time high," Cuthen said.

Citing some of the records set during 1973, Cauthen reported there are now 6,907 organized churches on Southern Baptist mission fields, 5,207 of which are self-supporting. He also told of 8,034 mission points, 5,884 national pastors and an all-time high record of baptisms at 62,151.

Indicating other areas of foreign mission advance, Cauthen pointed out that there are over 500 schools with a combined enrollment of more than 85,000 students. In 1973, he said, medical work extended care to 63,027 inpatients and 1,260,877 out patients. Also, 30 publication centers printed over 23 million pieces of literature.

A special feature of the meeting was the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. Cauthen which had been commissioned by the board, during its October meeting when the Cauthens were recognized on his 20th anniversary as executive secretary.

In a letter to H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa, Missionary H. Jerold Palmer Jr., wrote of the needs of about 15,000 displaced persons near the mission station in Maradi who have migrated south seeking food and water.

"Some of them have given up and seem to be in a state of shock," Palmer wrote. "The babies are dying by the score."

He reported that many are dying from starvation, while cholera, measles and flu snatch the lives of others who are weak and have little resistance against disease.

The missionaries, in cooperation with the Niger government, the Red Cross, the American Embassy and other religious groups, hope to implement a massive feeding program.

The missionaries can secure grain in Niamey, the capital of the Niger Republic, but must transport it to Maradi and distribute it. Palmer also cited needs for medical help and medical supplies.

In recent months, the Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist World Alliance have each contributed several thousand dollars to aid relief efforts in the Republic of Niger. There are

currently four Southern Baptist missionaries in the West African country: Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams.

Board member Paul Payne of Ohio, citing the importance of Mrs. Cauthen's role in foreign missions and the lack of general recognition of that role, moved that a color brochure on the Cauthens be prepared featuring the new portrait and an earlier one of Cauthen painted by the same artist. Information about the Cauthens and their contributions to foreign missions would also be included.

# The Convention President Speaks

Your order of business committee for the next annual convention is now meeting and planning. This committee needs your help in several different ways.

The first thing that is always needed is prayer. I hope you realize that things like this just don't happen. It takes hours, and even days, on the part of the whole committee, plus other help, to arrange for a program that is worthy of the occasion.

The second thing I could mention is to make suggestions. Most committees I know anything about are open for all the help they can get. Of course, there may be some very good suggestions that for various and sundry reasons could not be followed, but please feel free to offer any you have. Please, make them to Rev. Oliver Laddner, First Baptist Church, Magee, Mississippi.

The third thing I would suggest is to give full cooperation. By this I mean, if you are asked to do something, please consider it an opportunity of service and do your best to fulfill the request.

The fourth and last thing I would suggest is to speak words of encouragement. Most tasks like this are thankless and just a note, or call, or word of encouragement go a long way in carrying on the word of our Lord.

—David Grant.



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## EDITORIAL

### Southern Baptists And The Press

The word "press" has several connotations in Southern Baptist life.

When we use the word Southern Baptist "press" without capitalization, we are thinking simply of the convention's use of the printed page in its work. This might broadly include the state papers, the agency publications, curriculum materials, books, etc. We see Southern Baptists as having well over 100 publications, and almost unlimited other printed materials, when we think of the press in this manner.

When using the words "Baptist Press" with both words capitalized, we are speaking of the news service of the convention. This is a part of the ministry of the Executive Committee, and provides news service for Southern Baptist periodicals and also for the secular press. Headquarters for this ministry is in Nashville, and Dr. W. C. Fields, former editor of the Baptist Record is the director. The organization has press bureaus in five other cities, and does an outstanding job in reporting news of and related to Southern Baptists.

Adding more words and more capitalization, we have the "Southern Baptist Press Association" which is the organization of Southern Baptist state periodicals, the Baptist press, and other official Southern Baptist publications whose primary function is news reporting. Associate membership is accorded to some other Southern Baptist publications such as the mission

journals.

At the present time there are thirty-two state publications in the Southern Baptist Convention. These, of course, cover the ministry of Southern Baptists in all fifty states, since some publications are for conventions whose territory is larger than one state.

The system of each state or regional convention having its own publication, is comparatively unique among evangelical denominations, for only two or three others have such a press program. Only Roman Catholics have more publications, and they, of course, have a much larger membership. Most of the Southern Baptist papers are weeklies.

Southern Baptist state publications range in circulation from a few thousand in some of the newer conventions, to the more than 375,000 of the Texas publication, The Baptist Standard. Five other state papers have a circulation of over 100,000. They are as follows: The Alabama Baptist, 153,000; Baptist Courier (South Carolina), 115,000; Baptist Record, 115,000; and Biblical Recorder (North Carolina), 106,000. Eight other publications have circulations ranging from 45,000 to almost 90,000. Total circulation for all the papers is over 1,705,000.

Editors of the Baptist state papers represent a wide spectrum of Southern Baptist leadership. Most are ministers, but several are laymen. Some

have had full professional training in journalism, while others have learned their tasks through on the job training. All are dedicated men, who feel that they are in the place God wants them to be, and are devoting their lives to service of the denomination. They cannot in any way be considered a group of "yes" men who "rubber stamp" the program of the convention. They are able, experienced leaders, who look objectively at Southern Baptists and their work and seek to report honestly and fairly the news and program of the denomination. They do not agree, even among themselves, on some issues which confront the convention from time to time, but through their papers seek to give Southern Baptists fair reporting and interpretation of the news. They are builders of the denomination and the kingdom of the Lord, and certainly must be recognized as one of the strongest forces in Southern Baptist life today.

The Southern Baptist Press Association, and the organization of the State Executive Secretaries, held their annual meetings in New Orleans last week. The two groups held their conferences at the same time, and in the same place, but they are separate meetings, and only one joint session is ever included.

In New Orleans the editors took a close look at themselves and their denomination, with the problems, developments, and trends. They sought to consider the future of the denomination and the place the publications have in that. This was a profitable program, and I came away with thanksgiving to God for the strength He has given the denomination in its state convention press. I also am grateful for the national press, including the organizational publications, the curriculum materials and books.

Southern Baptists understand the value of the printed page and are using it wisely and well. They also fully recognize the value of their cherished heritage of the freedom of the press, and sincerely seek to accord it to their own publications. This, in itself, makes the press a mighty force for good in the denominational life.

## Correction

Last week we erroneously stated in an editorial that Dr. James L. Sullivan was a native of Tylertown. This was in error, since he was born in Silver Creek. Much of his childhood and youth were spent in Tylertown, but he was not born there. The correct information was given in the news story, but we had it wrong in the editorial. Sorry!

## On The MORAL SCENE...

**LIVERS AND LIQUOR** — What causes alcoholics to develop cirrhosis and other frequently fatal liver diseases? Many doctors, noting the tendency of alcoholics to drink more than they eat, believe that poor nutrition plays a key role. But two researchers, Drs. Emanuel Rubin and Charles Lieber, from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the Bronx Veterans Hospital in New York, now claim that it is drink alone that does the damage. A four-year study has convinced them that even in the well-nourished, alcohol can be lethal to the liver. The study provided other insights into alcoholism, which Rubin and Lieber consider to be one of man's worst "environmental" ailments. Because pure alcohol was used exclusively, it became evident that the toxic effects were the result of the alcohol itself and not, as some researchers have suggested, caused by any of the impurities or additives found in beer, wine or hard liquor. Concludes Rubin: "You can't protect yourself against alcoholic damage by eating well; what counts is the total amount of alcohol you drink." — (From Time magazine, February 4, 1974)

**Energy Crisis and Unemployment** — The current energy crisis is significantly changing the unemployment picture. Herbert Stein's conservative estimates predict a major rise in official unemployment to 6% by next year, with Speaker Albert predicting 8%. The New York Daily News predicts an additional 1 million unemployed people. The Department of Labor recently said: "Early enactment of pending Manpower Revenue Sharing legislation, which includes public service employment, especially for communities with heavy unemployment, would enhance the Department's capability to deal with the short-term effects of the energy crisis." — (From PSE Action Bulletin, January, 1974)

**THE POWER OF GOD TO HEAL** compiled by George Frederick Gurnea (Gulfstream Press, Mamaroneck, N. Y., 238 pp., \$7.95). A compilation of all the accounts of healings in the Bible, reproduced in their entirety. There are 209 accounts from the Old Testament and 174 from the New. In the back of the book, an alphabetical index includes an inventory of all the diseases reported healed in the Bible.



## Our Chesty World

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### WMU, SBC, Thanks State Papers For Missions Coverage

Dear Editor:

Last week in the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board and state WMU leaders there came a spontaneous swell of gratitude to the state papers for their magnificent coverage of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Board voted that you be sent an official letter of thanks for your support of this effort.

We recognize that throughout the year you communicate news from the mission fields to 1.7 million subscribers. We note with appreciation your continuous attention to the role of the Cooperative Program in mission support. Certainly the coverage of state papers must be considered in any accurate measure of missions information being disseminated to Southern Baptists.

The foreign missions emphasis just concluded, for which WMU led in the planning and promotion, was a remarkable example of what you do all year long. The state papers devoted 3082 column inches to news and feature coverage of foreign missions in relation to the Week of Prayer. We recognize that this much space would be valued at more than \$27,000 at current advertising rates.

Please be assured that we value the state papers' support of missions highly, reckon the effect on their 1.7 million subscribers appreciably, and thank the editors most sincerely.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis  
Alma Hunt  
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203

#### Wyoming Pastor Grateful For Suit

Dear Dr. Odle:

Again I praise the Lord for the men (laymen) of Mississippi for their concern and thoughtfulness in providing new suits for pastors in Montana, and some of us who are in new work in Wyoming. I was one of the fortunate pastors in Wyoming to receive a new suit this last Christmas. It fit perfectly and is very pretty. The extra pair of socks goes very well with a new sport coat — I have two new suits as a result.

I take this opportunity to thank the laymen of Mississippi for this much needed present. We moved to Douglas from Powell, Wyoming the first of September and have had a good ministry in these five months. The church was constituted less than two years ago, our membership is still small but growing. The pastor's salary is pretty meager but God is taking care of our needs — the suit and slacks is an example. We left a very good church with an excellent salary to come to Douglas on faith, and it has been one of the greatest experiences of my life how God has met our needs. As we are in a fast growing area of Wyoming we feel sure that in a year or so we will have a strong church here, with the Lord's leadership. Your prayers are needed as we labour in the field.

It will be much appreciated if you would get this word of thanks to the men of Mississippi for their kindness. May the Lord bless all of you as he has blessed us out here in the North West. It is great to be a small part of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. I thrill at the opportunity to work for our Lord in Douglas, Idaho.

We enjoy receiving the Baptist Record as it keeps us informed about the happenings Convention-wise and in your state.

John E. Cunningham, pastor  
First Southern Baptist Church  
Box 403  
Douglas, Wyoming 82633



#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Somewhere, sometime I heard that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. So far, that's been true, when our yard is on this side of the fence. Neither James nor I do any good with yardwork. We look at seed catalogues. We go to the nursery and look at plants. We stand around and look at and walk through our yard and talk about it — how pretty it is with absolutely no help from us and how gorgeous we could make it with a little planning and a lot of hard work.

James knows that this time of every year I can't wait until the month when our yard will wince proudly as the stake is driven into it, for the "Yard of the Month" sign it bears is solstice enough to ease the pain. Beginning to be like the Mississippi fans. You know what I mean next year.

For years James patiently helped me ease myself out on my gardening limb, from which I always climbed back flowerless and awariless. Then for a few years he didn't help, but he said he didn't object to my hiring some help. In recent years, however, he just lets me talk, goes with me to buy the plants, helps me plant them (even helped with a flower bed last spring), and, for the first few days, helps me watch the progress of their growth. Soon I begin to notice developing in his eyes a look that finally says, "I'm sorry about your yard, Honey," when our neighbor's yard develops all sorts of gorgeous spotsches of color located in total green and ours has only a speckle or two of color located in various tints of tan, green, and brown.

When I try to figure out the difference, it isn't hard to do. My neighbor is about his flower and yard work many mornings by daylight; he has learned what to do for insects and diseases and does it; he waters and feeds at the right times. The big difference is, in all probability, the fact that he really has a deep regard for his flowers — he grows them because he loves them. To me, growing flowers is something I've always felt that a good mother would do because, you see, my Mother has always grown beautiful flowers, and she is a very good Mother.

This is the year, I believe, that I will drop "growing flowers" from My List of Things Good Mothers Do. I will use the seed, plant, and fertilizer money to buy paper, pen, and a new typewriter ribbon.

Maybe "writing" will be an honorable replacement on the list, and I won't have a summertime of guilt feelings about growing flowers. Or not growing them, even when I tried.

Your list need any revision?

"What gums up budgets is yearnings outstripping earnings." — Ben F. Bagwell, The Pickens (C.) Sentinel.

"Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you're interrupting." — Elizabeth W. Spalding, The Kentucky (Bardstown) Standard.

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# Mississippi College Students Tutor Village Children

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An interesting and helpful association between two Mississippi Baptist institutions was recently featured at a mid-week prayer service in Powell Chapel on the campus of Baptist Children's Village in Jackson. Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities at Mississippi College, brought the devotional message to the Village staff and children, and approximately 80 students from Mississippi College who are currently serving as tutors to Village boys and girls who attend the public schools of Clinton.

According to T. Deane Rodgers, home life director at the Village, this group of Mississippi College students, under the sponsorship of the college's BSU, is selected at the beginning of each fall school session. They are recommended by Mr. Pope and his associates at the college and interviewed and "screened" by Mr. Rodgers and his associates at the Village. Each tutor is assigned to a very small group of Village children, usually of elementary school age, for the purpose of assisting, supervising

and guiding the Village children in preparing homework assigned by the public schools and generally, in stabilizing the work of Village children in the public schools.

The college tutors are transported to the Village campus on each school night in BSU vehicles from Mississippi College and distributed among the various cottages on the Village campus to which the tutors are assigned. The actual supervised study, according to Mr. Rodgers, transpires in the cottage - home, in a family setting and with the house - parents of the Village children present.

"During the more than 8 years this unusual program has been pursued at the Village in cooperation with the sponsorship of BSU at Mississippi College", Rodgers stated, "the Village staff and the teaching faculty in the Clinton public schools have observed a steady and continuing improvement in the level of academic achievement and general school stability of Village children. Additionally, those of us on the Village staff have been rewarded in noting dramatic im-



Pictured above are the leaders involved in a cooperative effort by the Baptist Children's Village and the B.S.U. at Mississippi College designed to furnish home support for public education to Village children. L to r: T. Deane Rodgers, the Village's home life director; Rev. Bradley Pope, M.C.'s director of religious activities; Jan King, student leader of the College's tutoring teams; and Terry Cutrer, President of B.S.U. at MC.



LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Deane Rodgers, home life director at Baptist Children's Village; Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities at Mississippi College; and Rev. Karl K. McGraw, administrative assistant at the Village, discuss the B.S.U.-sponsored program of tutoring.

Village during the current school session are under the leadership of Miss Jan King.

More than 300 different neglected and dependent children

come to The Baptist Children's Village for custodial care and training at various times during each year, according to the Village administration, and each of them is assisted dur-

ing Village residence by this unusual program of cooperation between a Mississippi Baptist educational institution and a Mississippi Baptist child care and social service agency.

## Vicksburg Doctor And His Family Give Holiday Time To Mission Project In Nigeria



Dr. Pat McLain and his son, Mark, have on Nigerian shirts; they are holding a cow horn carved into a bird figurine.

wanted to know where he was going, where he was from, what he was going to do in Nigeria. Dr. McLain told him briefly his purpose.

When the plane landed, he had the McLains' passports stamped without going through inspection and all the red tape; he had some soldiers to take care of their baggage, and he had his red tape; he had some soldiers to take the McLains some 15 miles from the airport to their hotel.

Even before arriving in Nigeria, the McLains missed being victims of a tragedy by only a little more than an hour. At the Rome International Airport, Mark and his father saw the Arab terrorists in the men's room, and Mark even commented that he bet they were a "bunch of hijackers." Mark proved to be correct — a short time later the men firebombed a plane at the airport, killing over 30 people.

The McLains arrived in Eku one afternoon, and when he was ready to go to work the next morning at 8 o'clock, throngs of people were waiting on him.

"Always there was a big audience when I was working," he said. Nigerian preachers had announced to their congregations that he was coming, and the word had spread, for the only other eye surgeon in the nation was some 500 miles away.

The hospital is a self-sustaining one, and they had acquired an assortment of lenses and frames for glasses. They charged only for the cost of supplies; but no one was turned away for lack of money. During one operation when Dr. McLain removed a cataract from a patient's eyes, a local woman missionary quietly asked that the bill be sent to her.

Nigeria is the site of the oldest mission venture among the Southern Baptists, and several other Christian groups also work in the nation. At Eku there is a 50-acre Baptist compound including the hospital, the homes for the missionaries, and other facilities. The McLains stayed in the home of a missionary who was on a trip outside the country; his cook and gardener provided Mrs. McLain with time to assist her husband in surgery.

The McLains worshiped in the local churches, all pastored by Nigerian preachers. They found the services very dignified and formal; no disrespect was tolerated. Music varied from singing accompanied by an organ to talapo-type accompaniment in the back country.

Malaria and tetanus are two big obstacles in Nigeria which face the medical profession; Dr. McLain said. Before arriving there, he had never seen a case of tetanus — in two weeks time in Eku he witnessed 16 cases; survival is almost unknown. That's the reason that everyone who came to him received a tetanus shot — and that's why an American medical missionary there, Dr. John McFadden, treats all patients for malaria.

The McLains not only ministered to the physical needs of the people, they also were interested in the spiritual. The eye charts which he used in testing, for example, were copies of the Great Commission, John 3:16, printed in Yoruba, the native tongue. In addition, religious tracts were available, and the Nigerians eagerly took them.

The best-educated Nigerians (a tiny minority) speak English, complete with British accent. Translators were provided, however, when the McLains were confronted with Yoruba. Nigerian student nurses (there is a nursing school at the hospital) assisted Dr. McLain, and after a week and a half a young male nurse had learned enough to allow Mrs. McLain some time away from the duty of assisting her husband.

One of the highlights of the stay in Nigeria was a visit to the McLains by Miss Emogene Harris, a missionary who lives 100 miles from Eku (a three-hour drive). She is a native of Puckett, Miss., Dr. McLain's town, and grew up with him. She spent Christmas in Eku with the McLains. One event particularly stands out in

## Did You Know This About George?

By Julia A. Shelhamer

It was during the French and Indian War. The battle was hot. General Braddock, who had brought from England an army of well-trained soldiers and officers, lay dead — killed by the Indians!

The whole army of English and American boys was dreadfully discouraged. Their (then) modern warfare was not a match for those illiterate Indians who were likely to rush in upon them any moment with their war whoops and poisoned arrows. Our men knew that they should flee at once, but they did not want to leave alone in the woods the body of their beloved general, cold and stiff in death. It likely would be mutilated by the Indians; and besides, our loyal-hearted men did not want him to be buried without some sort of a funeral.

But their chaplain was mortally wounded, and not one of those dignified officers with high-sounding titles knew what to do. It was a dreadful moment; every one seemed petrified with fear and horror!

Suddenly a tall angular young fellow in number eleven boots strode into their midst. He was not a commissioned officer and had no title, except that of "aide-de-camp" to General Braddock. But his keen eye took in the whole situation at once. He realized that something had to be done quickly.

So, stepping to the side of his beloved general, he stood over him with closed eyes in silent prayer. Then he quietly drew from his pocket a little book with which he seemed as familiar as some young men are with a deck of cards or a pack of cigarettes. His knowing fingers turned the pages quickly to Scripture appropriate to the occasion, and in clear voice he read, "If a man die shall he live again?" and kindred passages, following with the ritual for burial of the dead. Lifting his voice in fervent prayer, he committed the soul of the departed to God, then turned the body over to the English officers for burial.

If Indians could find the grave they would be quite sure to take up the body to get its red uniform; therefore the grave was dug in the middle of the road so traffic would obliterate all traces of the burial. All this was done so quietly and quickly that before the Indians arrived our army had escaped to safety.

But who was that tall young man who saved the day? It was twenty-three-year-old George Washington! Where did he get the training that enabled him to take charge so quickly with such wisdom, dignity and reverence?

Here is the secret: when George was but eleven years of age his father died. The young heartbroken wife and mother, overwhelmed with grief and responsibility, saw that she could not take her husband's place in looking after the children's spiritual needs without assistance. When she asked George to take full responsibility for conducting daily family worship he thought a moment, then consented to try. It was no easy task to get the

the McLains' experience in Nigeria. When they arrived, a two-year-old boy was in the hospital where he had been for three weeks, wasting away and writhing in pain. No treatment had worked.

Dr. McLain examined the child and discovered that he had an eye tumor; he immediately removed the eye. The next morning when he went to the little boy's room, the child was out of bed, greeted him with a big grin, and then proceeded to play hide-and-seek with him. It was a heart-warming experience not to be forgotten.

Will the McLains go back to Nigeria on another mission? There was an unhesitating and enthusiastic "yes" from the whole family.

little ones together regularly for prayer and reading of the Bible, for usually children do not like to be told what to do by one of their own number. But George was patient, diplomatic, and God-fearing. With this experience he learned to govern without

friction; what a wonderful preparation for governing a nation!

Besides, this unusual task his mother had assigned prepared him to help out just in the nick of time on the occasion of General Braddock's sudden death.



## Fire Destroys Historic Mt. Pisgah

A disastrous fire has struck an ancient landmark. Mt. Pisgah Church, four miles west of Enid, was totally destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, January 12.

Mt. Pisgah was organized in 1880. Church services at this site date back to the early 1800s when they were held in a brush arbor. The Church had been remodeled in recent years and a pastorium had been completed recently. Both church and pastorium burned. The photo above shows that nothing but ruins was left in the entire church complex. Only two pews were saved from the fire.

The Charleston fire department answered the alarm, but by the time the trucks arrived at the scene the walls were falling in. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

It is expected that the church will be rebuilt in the community. One spokesman for the church states that any donation would be appreciated.

## Teens, Inc. Camp Available For Use By Church Groups

Teens, Inc., near Columbia, a Christian camp for teenagers, is available for use by church groups, states the director, Jim Cagle. He adds that the camp may be used for Christian retreats during the school year for college youth, at no charge. Anyone interested can call Mr. Cagle or his co-director, wife Ann, at 736-6604, for details. Or write them at Rt. 7, Box 332, Columbia, Ms. 39429.

Teens, Incorporated is a non-profit organization, created to provide the Christian camping experience to youth on a non-sectarian basis. The camp grounds are located seven miles north of Columbia (off of Highway 35), and consist of one hundred acres of land containing several small lakes, and a seven-acre field, bordered by a large creek (swimming). All sorts of outdoor activities are offered, including Tennis and Basketball, and for groups desiring a place to water ski, a local lake is available.

The girls' barn will sleep 65 with bunk beds. The downstairs is adequate for meeting up to 130 persons. The boys' barn will take care of 65. The old barn serves as rec center and canteen. The kitchen-dining hall can serve 130.

The camp purpose is to encourage

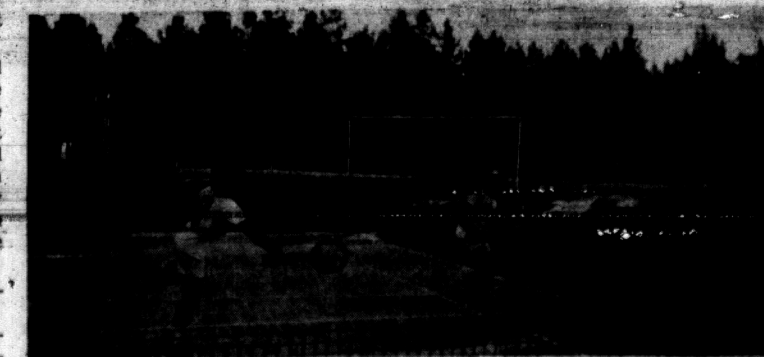
noncommitted youth to receive Jesus Christ, and instruct committed youth in living a dynamic Christian life.

The plan is to work with church leadership in presenting a well-rounded camp program of activities, music, devotion, personal Bible study, discussion groups, testimonies, and dynamic preaching, with the opportunity for each youth to make a life changing commitment.

Camp leadership will include Teens, Incorporated staff and the leadership that brings the group, and Teens, Incorporated can provide as much programming leadership as desired.

Each group coming to camp will furnish one mature Christian counselor for every seven youth, and after camp begins, all leadership will meet together for discussion and prayer after each meal, and any necessary program changes will be made at this time.

Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor of First, Columbia, has served on the advisory council of the camp since Teens, Inc. started seven years ago, and Dr. Russell Bush of Columbia works with the directors in setting up evangelistic speakers for the summer program.



Tennis at Teens, Inc.

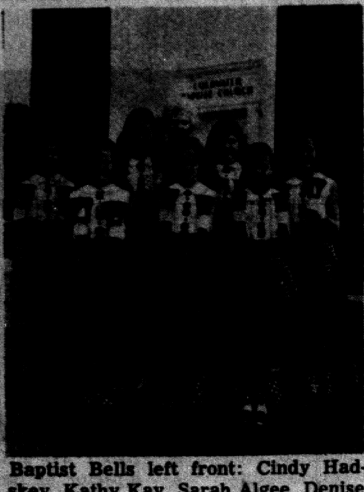


Dr. Pat McLain and his daughter, Melissa, are wearing Nigerian costume; the gourd Melissa is used as a musical instrument. (Mrs. McLain is the daughter of Mrs. Eunice Campbell of 1216 Howard Street, Vicksburg, former business manager of the Baptist Record, now retired.)





Melody Makers, left to right: Janet Holden, Sheila Spencer, Hope Adams, Ellen Algee, Kathy Weaver



Baptist Bells left front: Cindy Hadkey, Kathy Kay, Sarah Algee, Denise Ferguson. Second row: Charlotte Earney, Peggy Pounders, Paula Powers. Third row: Miss Bess Boone.



Carilloners, from bottom to top: Patricia McNutt, Janet Veazey, Lynn Pounders, Kathy Embrey, Billie Sue Earney, Debra Veazey, Miss Bess Boone.

## Handbells -- An Important Ministry In Coldwater

Handbells became a part of the music ministry of First Church, Coldwater, in 1970. The 25 Schulerich bells were a gift to the church in memory of Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Boone by their daughter, Miss Bess Boone. Miss Boone, a music graduate of Southern Seminary, began practicing with a youth group and later began a younger group of elementary school bell ringers. From this begin-

ning the bell choir program of the church has developed to the present: The Carilloners -- a young ladies group. The Baptist Bells -- fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. The Melody Makers -- second and third graders. "These bell ringers have participated in the worship services of the church as well as for neighboring con-

gregations. They have also played for civic clubs, Christmas parades, and weddings. Handbell ringing has enhanced the program of music of the church; developed and improved the bell ringers' appreciation for music; and helped each person to grow spiritually," states the pastor, Dr. Anthony S. Kay. The music director is James E. Keyser.

## Native Of Ohio

# Brazilian Baptist Pastor's Wife Leads Bible Study In Canton

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
How did a lady who once was a Methodist missionary from Ohio to Brazil happen to be leading the Thursday morning Bible study at First Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi?

If we unravel the threads of the narrative we will go backward in time -- quite a few years -- to one long and anxious night in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. A Baptist pastor's little eight-year-old son lay very ill; the doctor said he might not live through the night. Young Achilles Barbosa was his father's namesake, as well as his "pride and joy." Near at hand stood a Southern Baptist missionary, Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby. As she was to write many years later, "With the parents I kept vigil through the long night, pouring out my heart to God audibly or silently, kneeling or sitting, watching and waiting for the morning." Daylight came and Achilles was better. He lived to grow up and marry a Methodist missionary.

The boy's father, Rev. Achilles Barbosa, Sr., who was for thirty years pastor of the Third Baptist Church of Belo Horizonte, performed the wedding ceremony. At the wedding he told of the long night's prayer vigil at Achilles' bedside, and how he believed that God had spared his boy for a purpose.

It was Mrs. Achilles Barbosa, Jr. who spoke in First Church, Canton, a short time ago. She was in the city as a guest of Mrs. Rosalee Appleby, missionary emerita. Here is yet another fascinating story of the way God's purpose is worked out in the lives that are committed to him.

Mrs. Barbosa was born Maryann Johnson in Ohio. Even in her earliest years she wanted to be a missionary -- to India. Though she did not under-

stand the reason, she felt that God wanted her to major in physical education. And so she did, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. When the time came for her appointment the Methodist missionary board had no openings in India -- but needed a swimming instructor for a mission school in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Now she knew why she had majored in physical education.

In Belo Horizonte, Achilles Barbosa, Jr., law student, needed help with his study of the English language -- and found the young and lovely Methodist missionary to be an extremely good teacher. The two came to know each other well. Yet at the end of her first term of service, Maryann felt that the Lord wanted her to go to Cincinnati to study nursing. She did not know the reason why, but she obeyed.

Always she had longed to marry a preacher. Yet when Achilles' proposal of marriage came in a letter, she forgot that desire, and knew she was in love with a lawyer. She received his engagement ring by mail, too. When she returned to South America they were married.

Achilles had practiced law for five years when he felt that God wanted him in the ministry. He studied for a year and a half in the Baptist seminary in Rio. Then he and Maryann moved to New Orleans Seminary where he was to earn his degree. Many opportunities came to her to work in New Orleans nursing homes during weekends. In that way she could work, and yet study during the week. Now she knew why the Lord had led her to study nursing! Dr. Leo Eddleman, seminary president at that time, dubbed her "the girl with the warm heart" (Methodists' John Wesley described his conversion experience as "a warming of the heart.")

Following seminary graduation in 1906, Achilles and Maryann returned

to Brazil in separate ways. He went by way of Guadalajara, Mexico, to work in a Vacation Bible School project with missionaries Orvil and Alma Reid. By freighter, she was on board ship for 21 days. Flying home from Mexico, he arrived two days before she did.

Since his father was retiring, young Achilles had been asked to become the next pastor of Third Baptist Church. He hesitated, for he did not know how well it would work for him to become pastor of a people who had known him since babyhood. Finally his decision was to say yes. And his pastorate began November 15, 1906. He was ordained to the ministry on his father's birthday, December 21, 1906. Two months later, Maryann, the former Methodist missionary, was baptized into the fellowship of the Third Baptist Church.

In the fall of 1907 the elder Barbosa died. Since Brazilian Baptist pastor David Gomes in his very young days had won this man for the Lord, he was asked to come and take part in the memorial service. A memorial missionary fund was set up in honor of Mr. Barbosa. The money is used to help support missionary students and other missionary pastors who work and preach in the interior of Brazil. Also Achilles and his seven brothers and sisters sponsored the publishing of a book of sermons, from the notebooks of their father. Proceeds of this Portuguese volume, *O Homem Feito do Po (O Man Made of Dust)* go to the memorial fund.

When Achilles was only eight, God spared his life. In his manhood his influence has been felt in far-reaching areas of Brazil. His ministry in his home church, despite his earlier fears, turned out to produce no problems, but has been a rewarding and fruitful one. While he was still a lawyer he began to preach; he served

## "Concerted In Chicago"

By Jerry W. Stevens  
As a Southern Baptist paper was introducing its new editor, it gave his background. It spoke of his education. His past pastorates. Then it stated, "He was CONCERTED in Chicago in 1944."

"Most readers of a Southern Baptist paper," one homemaker commented, "Would know that it meant to say, CONVERTED."

We will forgive the new editor and his staff. I'm sure he already knows of the error.

Errors happen all the time. They are nothing new to us. We know with little doubt what he intended to say, "Converted -- to change -- to be saved. To receive Jesus." Converted should be the thought of most importance.

Southern Baptists know, I'm sure, that one should be converted. Most would know that Jesus asked all to become as little children and be converted.

Perhaps the new editor and staff said more than they thought. We would expect the editor of a Southern Baptist paper to be converted. Who would expect him to be CONCERTED? But his paper says, "He was concerted." What does that mean to you?

Back home we have an expression.

So and so "made a concerted effort." By this the home folk mean, the person put all he had into it. He had unity of purpose. He was putting all of himself into a thing.

I don't want to substitute being converted for being concerted. But let's not be too harsh for the error. Some individuals get converted, and that's all. "They are saved as though by fire," to quote the Good Book.

Christians must be converted. But maybe, just maybe, we should get concerted, too. Many of us need some push -- some all-out effort -- some putting of ourselves into life. Christians! -- concert! -- in harmony! -- your beautiful life.

(NOTE: Rev. Jerry W. Stevens is pastor of First Church, Nicholson. Native of the Tupelo area, he was formerly pastor of Midway Church, Pontotoc County.)

## MC Announces

# First Baptist Student Day

Baptist Student Day will be observed at Mississippi College on Saturday, March 23.

Rory Lee, acting dean of men and admissions counselor at the college, said Baptist students from throughout the state were being invited to be the guests of the college for a special day-long program that will be announced in more detail later.

"This will be our first time to have such a day," said Lee, "but since we are the largest and oldest Baptist college in the state we felt like we should give Baptist students an opportunity to see first-hand the activities and programs we have here." Lee indicated the event would become an annual affair.

"We want the Baptist young people of this state to look at Mississippi College as 'their college' and want them to see and hear about the various religious activities we have in conjunction with our excellent academic program," said Lee.

A youth ensemble from First Church, Gulfport and a youth choir from First Church, Greenville will appear on the program.

The visitors will also hear from Dr. Chester Swor, world-known youth speaker and counselor who is serving as a visiting counselor at Mississippi College this semester.

Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus, along with various members of the Baptist Student Union, will appear on the program.

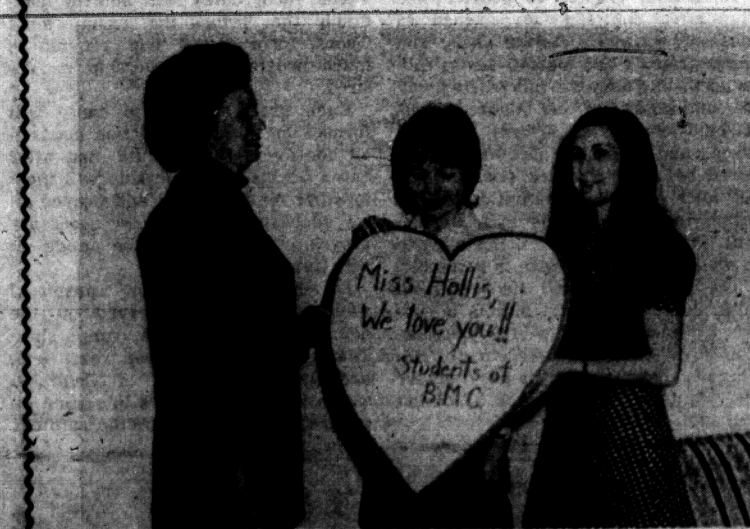
A special "Youth Coordination Workshop" will also be held during the day to assist pastors and youth workers in the various churches in their work with young people. It will be led by a specialist in this field from Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist students desiring to attend the special Mississippi College day should contact their local pastor or youth worker.

correspondence with Baptists of Brazil, and she still ministers there through prayer and the distribution of Christian literature. "No Brazilian Baptist would consider a trip to the States without a visit to Mrs. Appleby's!"

## Names In The News

Dr. Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be on the campus of New Orleans Seminary Feb. 26 through Mar. 1 to present the annual Tharp Lectures.



Students of Blue Mountain College, represented by Beverly Jackson, a library staff member (right), and Judy Crawford, a Freshman Royal Maid for the Centennial Celebration at the college, present the 1974 Honor Valentine to Mary Dean Hollis (left), current secretary, assistant accountant, and business office receptionist at Blue Mountain. The Valentine, made by Amy Neman, is presented to Miss Hollis in appreciation of her ten years of service as secretary to the fourth college president, three years in the same capacity to the fifth president, and her nine years of efficient work in these current positions at her Alma Mater. Miss Hollis is curator of the May Gardner Black Alumnae Room.

Tim Foley of the Miami Dolphins will tell how God calls the plays in his life when he appears on the American Broadcasting Company's "Directions" program February 24. Foley, who spends much of his time off the football field as an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be interviewed by ABC newsmen Frank Reynolds.

Walter Sills, one of the Royal Ambassador leaders at Southside Church, Jackson, was leaving through the February edition of Probe, RA magazine, (Leadership Edition) when he recognized two boys from Southside Church on page 16-G of the leadership section. The boys (not identified in the magazine) are Randy Hayman on the ladder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hayman, and Billy Donahoe in the window, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Donahoe. Randy and Billy went with a group of young people from Southside to El Paso, Texas, in 1972. On a two-week mission project, they cleaned the walls and patched and painted the interior of a Mexican Baptist mission sponsored by First Church, El Paso. The project was under the leadership of Matthew Sandler, missionary at the Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, and Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Church. The February Probe features mission projects of many types.

William Carey College graduate music student, Donald Hubbard Flynt, was presented in a graduate recital on February 12 in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium on the William Carey College campus. Flynt is minister of youth and music at First Church, Flowood. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Flynt.

Bobby Clark, pictured, received a license to preach from Emmanuel Church, Starkville, on February 6, reports Dr. James V. Clark, pastor at Emmanuel. Mr. Clark, a senior at Memphis State University, was until recently a member of Emmanuel. He is married to the former Denise Powell of Memphis. Dr. Clark said Mr. Clark "is capable and available as a supply or interim pastor. While he was at Starkville he worked as a youth leader and also headed a Bible study group. He has preached several times at Emmanuel." Anyone wishing to contact Mr. Clark can write him at 2107 Imogene, No. 10, Memphis, TN, 38114. Or he can be reached by contacting Dr. James V. Clark at Starkville, MS, phone (601) 323-2354.

Handel, the Don Quixote cycle by Maurice Ravel, an aria from Gounod's Faust, Songs by Hugo Wolf, and Samuel Brber. Mr. Beatty is minister of music at Northside, New Albany. Mrs. Sandy Coutoumanos, New Albany, will be piano accompanist for the recital. The public is invited.

Bob Dees, pictured, began his duties as minister of music and Youth of Como Church, February 3. Native of Sardis, he earned an associate degree at Northwest Junior College and graduated from University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The pastor at Como is Rev. Clyde C. Rogers.

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## Rust Named - - -

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ing a period as chairman of the Louisiana committee. He has also been chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist Message, news publication of the Louisiana convention.  
In addition to the Bastrop pastorate, Rust served as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Amite, La., and of Second Baptist Church in Biloxi, Miss.

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# The Resurrection Victory: Full Of Drama And Excitement

John 20-21

By Clifton J. Allen

The Gospel record closes with the account of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We may well look backward and ask, What new understandings and convictions have we gained from our study of the Gospel of John? We should ask also, What new commitments are we prepared to make in response to what we have learned about Jesus Christ? The resurrection story is full of drama and excitement. John reports the succession of events in forthright fashion. The last chapter of the Gospel reports Jesus' meeting with seven of the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, there probing Simon Peter's heart and receiving his confession and then giving a hint about the future destiny of Peter and the Beloved Disciple. The truth in the lesson of eternal importance is that Jesus Christ lives. Christianity rests on the reality and certainty of this fact and on the meaning of this fact for Christian faith, Christian service, and Christian hope.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**THE RISEN LORD AND HIS DISCIPLES** (vv. 19-23)

If we include information from the

other Gospels, Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, the woman, two disciples on the way to Emmaus, and Simon Peter before the appearance to the disciples as a group, all save Thomas. We can only imagine something of the perplexity and fear of the disciples. The news of the empty tomb seemed impossible to believe. But when Jesus appeared and spoke his wondrous words of greeting and then convinced them that he was really alive by showing them his hands and side, they were glad beyond words. Their hope came alive.

Again he bestowed the blessing of his peace and then gave them the commission to claim their utmost as long as they should live: "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you." How few words, but how great in meaning and scope! Jesus was saying that he was committing to his followers the work which had been given to him by the Father. Jesus of course knew the utter inadequacy of his followers for the task given. He therefore said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." The gift of the Spirit was more a matter of promise and

prospect than immediate fulfillment. The disciples were to lay hold on the promise by faith. As the followers of Christ carry out their commission, they can proclaim the forgiveness of sins on the terms set forth in the gospel and God's judgment of sin if people will not repent and believe.

**THE RISEN LORD AND THOMAS** (vv. 24-25)

Why Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared to the disciples as a group in uncertain. Probably and most likely, Thomas was nursing his grief and pessimism. The tragedy

of Calvary had been all the harder for him because of his intense devotion of Jesus. When the other disciples told Thomas that they had seen the Lord, he said he would never believe apart from personal proof, seeing and handling the hands of Jesus and thrusting his hand into the place of the spear thrust into Jesus' side. Thomas should not be condemned as a doubter. He did doubt, but his doubts were honest. He made the big mistake of withdrawing from the other disciples; thus he missed the opportunity to see the Lord. Thomas had

no right to set his own arbitrary terms for belief in the resurrection, the living Christ.

**AND CHRISTIANS** (vv. 26-29)

Jesus understood the need of Thomas. He appeared to the disciples again, a week later, when Thomas was present. With utmost consideration for Thomas, he gave him the opportunity to put his finger in his hand and his hand in his side. Thomas no longer needed the proof, he had asked. He could only cry out, "My Lord and my God." Christians ought to learn from Jesus' words to Thomas more about the nature of faith. Faith is not dependent on sight. It does not require physical proof, as though spiritual realities could be confirmed by physical evidences only. The essence of faith is trust.

The confession of Thomas confronts Christians with the importance, if not the necessity, of examining their own confession of Jesus Christ. Has it included strong assurance that he is the Son of God? What is the depth of the commitment to him as Lord? The Christian's confession means little more than words which have little power to convince the world unless there is obedience to the commandments of Jesus and loyalty to him in terms of the kind of life that is marked by uprightness, unselfishness, and faithfulness in doing good to other persons. Then the confession comes alive.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

### Laying Down Your Life As A "Spiritual Sacrifice"

Mark 8:27-38  
By Bill Duncan

A friend of mine had a philosophy class in seminary that met for nine weeks, and had no paper to write or daily quizzes. When the time came for the final exam, there was one question written on the board. He later told me he was "scared to death,"

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If he failed to answer the question properly, he failed the course.

It seemed that Jesus gave His disciples a test with two questions. The first did not count very much: "Who do people say that I am?" The second question determined if the disciples passed: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus wanted to hear from their own lips that they assuredly knew his true identity—his relationship with the Father, his purpose in his earthly mission.

These were not the first questions to set them to thinking. Earlier in the eighth chapter of Mark He said, "Do you not yet understand?" Of course Jesus was disappointed in the way they did not understand what He was to do. The people had an idea of a Messiah that would set up a political-religious kingdom where the whole world would be subject to the Jewish leadership. This kingdom would be violent, nationalistic, destructive and vengeful. Think of Jesus set against a background like that. No wonder He had to re-educate His disciples in the meaning of Messiahship. There was no room for a cross, and little room for suffering love, in a picture like that.

The story that Mark tells gives us insight into the life situation of training the disciples. In trying to get them to understand the meaning of the Pharisees, He accused the disciples of having minds - set. At this point Mark gives us a short miracle story that is not recorded in the other Gospels. Jesus healed a man born blind, by using spittle. The only unique thing about this miracle is that it happened gradually. The man's sight came back in stages. Many see this as a parable to the response that men make to Jesus Christ. No man sees all of God's truth at once. Much of our prejudice and tradition yields to change slowly.

Keith Miller has written an excellent book entitled *The Second Touch* based upon the idea that we must renew our confidence in the meaning of the Christian life as we act out our faith in the context of the structure of life.

Too many people are in the pilgrimage of the Christian life confessing that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, but really not fully understanding what the meaning of "Jesus is Lord" is all about. They need a "Second Touch" "to change from seeing people as walking trees to seeing everything clearly."

**HOW DO YOU SEE JESUS?**

Jesus got His disciples out of Galilee for this most important conference. This incident comes in the middle of Mark's gospel, but it is the peak of the training of the disciples about six months before the death of Jesus.

No two persons love Jesus exactly the same; no two of us see the Saviour the same.

Earl Kelley is quoted by Ralph L. Murray in a story about the old Austrian folktale of the tree wayfarers

stopping at noon to rest beneath an oak tree. One booked up through the branches and said, "What a fine mast this oak would make for a ship such as I used to sail upon. A second, who had been a draper's assistant, said, "What a fine brown cloth my master could have dyed from this heavy bark." The third, who had spent his youth as a swineherd, said, "What fine fat pigs could be grown from the acorns which fall from this oak!"

People in Jesus' day saw him in light of their tradition and hope. The disciples gave Him the popular rumors and reports. Then came a breathless silence and He put the question which meant so much, "Who do you say that I am?" And suddenly Peter realized what he had known from the time Andrew introduced him to Jesus. This was the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God. In that answer Jesus knew that He had not failed.

How do you see Jesus? Is he your hero, your idea, your friend in court, your ace up the sleeve? What is Jesus to you?

**WHAT DOES MESSIAHSHIP MEAN?**

No sooner had Peter made this discovery, than Jesus told him that at this stage he must tell no man of it. Why? Because first Jesus had to teach Peter and the others what Messiahship really meant.

Jesus announced that Messiahship is connected with suffering and death. To the disciples this was incredible and incomprehensible because they thought of Messiahship in terms of irresistible conquest. That is why Peter so violently protested. To him the whole thing was impossible.

Why did Jesus rebuke Peter by saying that he was talking like the devil? Because the words that Peter spoke saying he would not allow Jesus to die were the temptations that Satan had tried on Him before. This was the tempter attacking in the voice of one that he loved. This was the same temptation of the wilderness. "even the pleading voice of love must be silenced for the voice of God."

Jesus kept telling the disciples that He must lay his life down by the death of the cross and rise again the third day. This was a must. They did not kill him so much as he gave His life. The unselfishness of Jesus is shown.

**HOW DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS?**

Jesus was honest with his listeners. He did not try to bribe men with an easy life. He came not to make life easy, but to make men great.

The characteristic of the leader men will follow is that he never calls upon anyone to do something he is not prepared to do and face himself. Jesus has a right to call on us to take up a cross, for He Himself, first bore one.

Jesus told all the people who were interested in being a follower of Him to do three things.

(1) "Let him deny himself." He

lives no longer to follow his own will, but to follow the will of Christ, and in that service he finds his perfect freedom.

(2) "Whoever gives his life away,

will save it." God gave us life to

## Groundbreakings And Noteburnings



Pictured above (1st row, 1 to r) are Rev. Carl Savell, pastor, Tom Brister, chairman of deacons, Allen Sanders, chairman of Building Committee, Jimmy Cowden, Jack Lowe, Tom Frazier and Howard Buford, members of committee. In background the congregation watches as George Sikes turns the first shovelful of dirt. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction on a \$200,000 multi-purpose educational and activities building. It will include four kindergarten rooms (children's Department on Sundays), Youth Departments; gymnasium which will double as dining area; a commercial kitchen; game room; and director of activity's office. Harold C. Brumfield is architect.



Members of First, Baldwin, went to the site of their new building on Highway 45 South on January 28 for the groundbreaking service. This officially began the \$440,000 building of a new sanctuary and educational building. Buford Dobbs will direct construction as building superintendent. Construction is expected to take about twelve months. The Building Committee is in foreground. Left to right: Jimmy Cunningham, Hollis Smith, Alton Magers, chairman, Rev. Leo Barker, pastor, and B. G. Burns, (James Mack Jones, committee member, not pictured).



Roundaway Church, Sunflower County, is out of debt on their building eight years ahead of schedule. They held a noteburning and an all-day thanksgiving service January 20. Special speakers were Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, MBB, and former pastors Rev. W. F. Garner and Rev. Frank Bishop. Above, 1 to r: M. R. Manning, treasurer of the Building Committee, Rev. Howard Quinley, pastor, and J. L. Hughes, deacon, burn the note. Carlton Daphoe, chairman of deacons, presented a proposal for building a new parsonage, and the church voted to proceed with the plan.



Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, Mississippi held a noteburning ceremony on February 3, marking completion of payment for two educational buildings. The church is presently debt-free. A committee has been appointed to study plans for a new sanctuary. Left to right: Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor; A. R. Lee, trustee; Earl Cross, trustee; Preston Blackwell, chairman of deacons and W. H. Clearman, chairman of trustees.

## Merigold Celebrates 75th Year

### Have You Considered A Memorial Gift To The Heart Fund?

This year, more than one million Americans will die from heart attack, stroke and hypertensive disease. High blood pressure — a major contributor to these killer diseases — afflicts 23 million Americans.

The American Heart Association is hard at work to prevent early death and disability from heart diseases. Through programs to teach the early warning signs of heart attack and stroke, and to establish coronary care units and emergency cardiac services, it is saving hearts that are too healthy to die.

But despite these hopeful programs, lives are still lost, tragically early in too many cases.

When words aren't enough to express your concern at the death of a friend or loved one, a memorial gift to the Heart Association speaks eloquently. Acknowledgement of your contribution will be forwarded to the bereaved. It says you care enough to give a gift of life by supporting heart research and the preventive work of the Heart Association.

Gifts may be sent to Mississippi Heart Association, P. O. Box 18063, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

### John Adams Crusade Team Now Available

The newly organized John Adams Crusade Team is available for church - wide and city - wide crusades and youth revivals. For more information contact the crusade team at 214 Eula Drive, Lafayette, La. 70501, or call 318-984-7248.

## POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

### YOUNGER SISTER TRYING DRUGS

Dave is in high school, was once on the drug scene, and has a 13-year-old sister who is getting seriously involved with drugs. His problem is not only her actions and attitudes but also family relationships.

My little sister is smoking grass quite often—and she has been tripping a little on acid. I cannot say I am an innocent person to confide in. I was pretty bad. I drank a lot, smoked some weed, and did a lot of stealing. Now with the help of our new pastor I have straightened out by realizing that all I was doing was trying to prove I was cool and get attention. I have talked to my older sister, and we were going to take it to my Mom and Dad but my brother-in-law said not to. He said we should try to convince Alice that it's all wrong. I need some help with her, please. I like POWERLINE very much. It was one of the things that helped me keep on the track.

A disturbing thing is that drug experimentation and use has moved downward in the age scale. This is inevitably what happens in fads or life styles. The young are caught up in the example they have seen in their older peers.

It may well have been a wise choice not to have taken the matter to your parents immediately. However, our counsel is that you will have to be discriminating as to how long to keep it from them. If you can shock your sister into her senses quickly, well and good, but you cannot delay indefinitely communicating this important matter to her parents. They not only love her more than anyone else, they also have the responsibility.

Shake her up any way you can. She might be able to play with marijuana but there is no way to control LSD. Drugs put filters on the mind to distort things, standing on one's head as it were. It is a declaration that she cannot take real situations so she bends them into fantasies. It doesn't change facts, it only changes her perception of them. This means that the child needs unusual attention or counseling or even treatment. This is why I suggest that her parents have the right to know. I am sending along some drug information. Your sister's lucky to have someone else in the family like yourself.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76118.



Mississippi Newsbriefs

# Just For The Record



## Ashland Church Nearly Doubles Goal

Ashland Church went over their Lottie Moon goal of \$1300 the first Sunday of the emphasis; they have \$2406. It was the third year they had surpassed their goal. "Light Up the Christmas Tree and the World for Jesus" was the theme, and each bulb on the tree represented \$50. Left to right are Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Sr., parents of Missionary Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr. of Brazil and Missionary Don Doyle of Costa Rica; Rev. Kermit Brann, pastor, and Mrs. Brann; and Mrs. Marvin Crawford, WMU president.



## First, Macon, Supports Mission Program One Hour

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, president, Foreign Mission Board, second from right, was guest speaker at First Church, Macon, recently, when the church passed the goal set for the Lottie Moon Offering. Left to right: John Gates, Baptist Men's director; Evan Dossett, chairman of deacons; Mrs. Jim Robbins, WMU director; Dr. Hudgins; and the pastor, Rev. Hugh Poole. The goal was originally set at \$3000 and later the pastor challenged the congregation to pass the mark of \$4000, the amount necessary to keep the entire mission program in operation for one hour. First Church met the challenge by contributing a total of \$4,559.10 to the foreign mission program.

## Immanuel To See

### "The King Is Coming"

Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present their original dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" for the thirty-first time, at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, Saturday, March 2, at 7:00 P.M.

This production has been given five times in the past two years in their own sanctuary to capacity and overflow attendance. It has been given in

churches in Jackson, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Meridian, Columbia, Lucedale, several churches in the Mobile area, and in First Church, New Orleans.

"The King Is Coming" is an original production concerning the latter days and second coming of Christ. Mrs. Laurie Burkes, a member of the Calvary Church, is author of the script, and Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir and pastor's wife, has set the script to music and drama.

## Immanuel Over \$3000 Goal

The Missions Committee of Immanuel Church, Natchez, announces that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering there surpassed the \$3000 goal by \$225.55, setting a record high for the church. The previous high had been \$2800 in 1972.

## Men's Day At Hardy

Baptist Men's Day at Hardy church was kicked off by a spaghetti supper at the fellowship hall Saturday, January 26. There were 59 men and boys attending, one of the largest turnouts ever for this occasion.

Sunday morning services featured guest speaker, Dr. Guy R. Braswell, local physician, layman, and member of Gore Springs Church. Special music was provided by Alan and Jimmy Purdie, who sang and played the guitar. The RA's served as ushers.

The evening service featured two men of the church speaking, J. C. Ward and Billy L. Harris. Special music was a duet by Howard Pyron and Sayles Martin, Jr. After the evening service the congregation was invited to enjoy a snack in the fellowship hall. Men of the church baked their favorite pastries for the ladies to enjoy. "A first aid station was available," quips Rev. William R. Moss, pastor.

## Billy Jack Green

### Moves To Georgia

Billy Jack Green has accepted the position as minister of music at Eastside Church, Marietta, Georgia. For three years he has held a similar position at First Church, Columbia. Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor.

When Mr. Green went to Columbia from Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, three years ago, there were 198 enrolled in the nine music groups at First Church, Columbia. Now there are 477 enrolled in 18 groups, including preschool and grade choirs, Glee Club, youth choirs, adult choirs, and ensembles.

Mr. Green is married to the former Ruby Lee Grant. They have two children.

What can you do when a friend or loved one dies? What can you say to the family? A memorial gift to your local Heart Association says more than words, is a lasting tribute, and helps reduce the toll of the nation's major cause of death.

Will a man willingly follow another even to death? Sometimes in war one must make a decision which means almost certain death for a large number of men, to protect a larger number of men and preserve the liberty and ideals of our country. The serviceman is willing to obey these orders because of many factors. A person may act impulsively and in an attempt to save another may lose his life by covering a hand grenade with his body, or pushing another from the path of a speeding automobile or rescuing someone from a burning building without thinking about the personal danger involved in his act.

A person may be both a hero and a coward in life. One or the other will be remembered, as in the life of Thomas. Thomas wanted to be sure about the resurrection before he committed himself again; but here he is the leader in declaring his willingness to be with Jesus, even if it means death. Sometimes in the bitterness of despair one desires to die for selfish reasons. Jonah selfishly preferred death if the people of Nineveh were to be spared. One may express a wish to die in an attempt to blot out some embarrassing incident in life.

But when one looks at death at a distance and then walks face to face to it, when he could have chosen a different course of action, requires a definite commitment of life to a person or an ideal.

A young missionary couple made, this type of commitment, after contracting a dangerous disease on the mission field and showed very little concern for their physical health but a great longing to be able to back to that place where they felt God had called them. What joy they expressed when they received the welcome news of the date of their departure for the hardship of life in a strange country!

What leads a person to make a commitment, even unto death? For the Christian it is a commitment to Jesus Christ which makes everybody and everything else less dear to one than the approval of Christ. It is a firm conviction as expressed by Thomas: "Let us also go, that we may die with him. This conviction matched by action inspired the other disciples to make a similar commitment. When one yields his life completely to our Lord today, it inspires others to act in like manner.

Will you prepare the way for another by stepping out in faith with your life?

# The Foolish Disciple

John 11:16b

By Ken Pickens, Tupelo



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Rev. William F. Evans is pastor of First Baptist Church.

VITORIA, Spain — A mission of the Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) Baptist Church of Madrid was dedicated here recently at a special service led by Pastor Jose Nunez. Also representing the mother church were approximately 50 members, including a choir.

The pastor of the new mission is Francisco Vallejo, a 1971 graduate of the Spanish Baptist Seminary, who is also pastor of another mission in Miranda de Ebro.

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## Rev. J. Renfro Dies

Rev. J. T. Renfro, retired Baptist minister, died unexpectedly Friday morning Feb. 8, at his residence, 744 Garden Drive, Laurel. He had been pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel from 1948 to 1957. His last church before he retired from the ministry was Sunrise Church at Petal. For the past 11 years he was chaplain at South Mississippi State Hospital in Laurel, retiring in September.

Mr. Renfro was born in Johnson County, Texas, and had served as pastor of churches in Missouri, Texas, Florida and Arkansas. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 9 at Memory Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Graves officiating. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary C. Renfro; two daughters: Mrs. Wiley (Pat) Knight of Wiggins; Mrs. Otis (Bonnie) Dumas of Pascagoula; four grandchildren: Amy and Harold Knight, and Craig and Scott Dumas, one brother and four sisters.

## Revival Dates

Merigold Church: February 24 - March 1; Rev. Clement Casey, Plateau church, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; Bob Heritage of Immanuel, Cleveland, song leader; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Charles Guy, pastor.

Houston, Parkway: March 18 - 24; Rev. David Kendall, Philadelphia, evangelist; Terry Oswalt, Houston, music director; Rev. Ira Bright, pastor.

## Stewardship Revival

Pineview, Moss Point: March 1-3; Dr. Eugene N. Patterson, Professor of Evangelism, New Orleans Seminary, featured speaker, Stewardship Revival; three messages on Stewardship (Friday and Saturday nights at 7 and Sunday morning at 11 with Double the Tithe Demonstration Day Sunday March 3); Sunday night, an evangelistic service; Rev. Benny Still, minister of music, Navilla Church, McComb, music evangelist; Rev. Russell Naron, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Natchez: Feb. 24-March 3; Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, evangelist; Jamall Badry, music evangelist, Oklahoma City, Okla., singer; services Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.; evening services 7 p.m.; Saturday night the Billy Graham film "Isn't It Good To Know" will be shown; Rev. Billy R. Thomas, pastor.

## Ridgeland Church

### Calls New Pastor

Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland, has called a new pastor, Rev. W. Everett Martin.

A native Mississippian, born and reared in Grenada County, he graduated from Mississippi College. In addition, he attended New Orleans Seminary and the University of Alabama.

He is married to the former Arma Glynn Caffey of Duck Hill, and they have four children.

Mr. Martin was licensed and ordained by First Church, Grenada. For the past 21 years he has pastored churches in Mississippi, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. He has held such positions as: secretary - treasurer of the Florida Baptist Pastors' Conference and Chairman of Evangelism of North Rapides Association. He goes to Ridgeland from Kingsville Church, Pineville, Louisiana.



## "The Twelve"-Top-Rated Youth Ensemble

First Church, Pascagoula, youth ensemble, "The Twelve," directed by L. Graham Smith, minister of music, recently received the Judges Trophy for being the number one youth ensemble in the state. Pictured left to right, first row: Sarah Panther, Deanna Heidelberg, Pam Roush, Jeanne Smith, Cindy Travis (pianist), Carla Grantham, Suzette Biffie, and Wanda Anderson. Second row: Warren Langworthy, Jr., Thomas Moffett, Al Parker, Steve Willis, and Steven Wilkinson. Rev. Clark W. McMurray is the pastor.



## First, West Point, Buses Bring 232

On February 3, the second anniversary of the bus ministry at First Church, West Point, 232 riders arrived on buses. A year ago, for the first time, 300 riders used the buses. On their first Sunday in this ministry, there were only seven riders. "We are ready and willing to help any church establish a church bus evangelism ministry," states Noel Wright, pastor. Rev. Joel Haire is the pastor.



## Northcrest Progress Reflected In EM Offering

For a small group averaging less than 50 in Sunday School, and who thought that last year's Lottie Moon Offering of \$31 was a worthy one, a suggested goal of \$200 was staggering! However, all were thrilled when it was announced that \$423.05 was the amount received for this Christmas Offering. This was reached during December. It was made possible by many who had attitudes such as Church Training Group of Older Youth pictured above. These had just had a "car wash" to raise money for a trip for their group. Under the leadership of Don and Cheryl Loftin, center, they brought the proceeds of their venture, \$40 (and \$10 more raised in their group) and placed it in the offering. "This wonderful spirit of the youth inspired others to do more!" states Rev. Chris C. Cornelius, pastor, Northcrest Church, Meridian.

## Easthaven Church

### Calls Robert M. Hanvey

Rev. Robert M. Hanvey assumed duties as pastor at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, January 6. Prior to that time he was associate pastor in educational ministry at First Church, McComb.

Mr. Hanvey is a graduate of Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala. He holds a Master of Theology (Honors Program) degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He spent two years on active military duty following college and holds the rank of Captain in the United States Army Reserve. He spent five and one-half years with Boeing Company Space Program in Huntsville, Ala., Cape Kennedy, Fla. and Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Hanvey is married to the former Mary Kathryn Moore of Anniston, Ala.; they have one daughter, Kathryn, eight. Mrs. Hanvey holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Jacksonville State and a Master of Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary.

## Church Music Seminars

### Planned In Nashville

NASHVILLE — Three Church Music Seminars will be held simultaneously here March 11-15, 1974, sponsored by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Seminars are scheduled for preschool leaders, youth music leaders and organists. Saxe Adams will direct the Preschool Leaders' Seminar; Gerald Armstrong, the Youth Music Leaders' Seminar; and Sharon Lyon, the Organists' Seminar. All are members of the church music department of the Sunday School Board.

Cost for the seminars will be \$20 for each person, which includes registration, seminar materials, banquet and one luncheon.

Each person is responsible for his own lodging. A list of motels and hotels will be sent from the Church Program Training Center upon request. Registration request and fee may be sent to Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37234.

Remember those you loved with a memorial gift to your local Heart Association.

## Immanuel, Vicksburg

### Calls New Pastor

Rev. A. G. Gray has accepted a call from Immanuel Church, Vicksburg.

Mr. Gray, native of Pelahatchie, has pastored churches in Rankin, Jeff Davis, Simpson and Walthall Counties.

He attended Mississippi College and goes to Immanuel from Briar Hill in Rankin County.

Married to the former Annie Mae Huff, he is the father of two sons and two daughters. The younger son, Ricky is the pastor of Cato Church in Rankin County.

Rev. and Mrs. Gray moved to Immanuel on Jan. 8. The church is on Highway 61 South, eight miles south of Vicksburg.

Immanuel has a membership of 495 and is involved in a bus ministry, a day care program, kindergarten and youth ministry.

The minister of youth is Nelson Crozier and at present Immanuel is seeking a minister of music.



## MC Student Gets Ohio Scholarship

Russell W. (Russ) Brashear (left) of Springfield, Ohio, had received \$200, a special scholarship check from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio for use in his education at Mississippi College. With him are Dr. Charles Scott (center), dean of students and chairman of the financial aids committee; and Joe Barber, vice-president for business affairs. Brashear is a sophomore. The scholarship is part of a joint venture between Mississippi College and Ohio Baptists announced back in April of 1972. Under the program, the college waives room and board for those special students selected from the Buckeye State. "The State of Ohio has no Baptist college of its own," said Van D. Quick, assistant to the president and director of admissions at Mississippi College, "so this attractive venture gives students from the state the opportunity of attending a college where Christian influence continues to prevail." (MC Photo by Norman H. Gough)

# Off The Record

TWO RAILROADERS were discussing their collegian offspring. "My son's getting smarter all the time!" bragged Tom. "His letters are so literary they keep sending me to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," complained Sam. "My daughter's letters are easy enough to read, but they keep sending me to the bank!"

"Miss Jones," said the handsome boss, "are you doing anything Sunday night?"

"Why no," she said smiling. "Then I suggest," he said, "that you try to get a good night's sleep so you can be on time Monday morning."

Ever since the office practical joker dropped the big rubber band into the computer it's been coming up with a lot of snap decisions.

"What can I put on my parrot's perch to keep it from slipping off?" "Have you tried poligrup?"